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*from Baltimore, Maryland*



**WILSON KING BARNES**  
PRESIDENT GENERAL

the National Society, I wished him well in his new work.

Fortunately, the move from the former permanent headquarters of the National Society in the District of Columbia, to the Temporary Headquarters in the Huntington Building in Alexandria, Virginia, had been substantially completed prior to Compatriot Woodward's resignation. Your President General and others began a search for a new Executive Secretary. Their efforts were rewarded in obtaining the services of Compatriot Lt. General Herman Nickerson, Jr. as Acting Executive Secretary, with the approval of the Executive Committee. General Nickerson's appointment as Executive Secretary was authorized and approved for a two year term by actions of the Board of Trustees of the National Society, at its meeting on October 22, 1977. General Nickerson has excellent qualifications for the position of Executive Secretary and your President General is happy to report that he is doing a splendid job in that position. The National Society is indeed fortunate to have General Nickerson as Executive Secretary.

The staff at Temporary Headquarters has been restored to normal operations with the employment of new personnel who also are performing well. The backlog of applications and other matters is being gradually reduced. Your help and consideration during this transitional period are invited.

The National Headquarters Committee is hard at work in locating a new Permanent Headquarters for the National Society. It hopes to have a definitive recommendation for the Executive Committee's action prior to the next Meeting of the Board of Trustees in Atlanta, Georgia on February 11, 1978.

It is sad to report the untimely death of Compatriot W. Giles Parker on November 3, 1977. Compatriot Parker had been President of the Maryland Society SAR and Chancellor General of the National Society. He had held many Chairmanships of important Committees at both the State and National level, and, at the time of his death, was Chairman of the Resolutions Committee of the National Society. Your President General, with a number of State SAR offi-

Since your President General's message in the Summer 1977 SAR Magazine, there has been much activity in the affairs of the National Society.

Compatriot Warren S. Woodward, Executive Secretary of the National Society, unexpectedly resigned that position on September 15, 1977, effective within 30 days. He accepted a position in Houston, Texas and departed, with his family, shortly after October 15, 1977 to fill that new position. He is enjoying his new duties. On behalf of

cials and members, attended his funeral on November 5, 1977. He will be sorely missed.

At the meeting of the New Jersey Society on November 12, 1977 at the Wedgewood Inn, Morristown, New Jersey, your President General, who was the principal speaker at this well attended and interesting meeting, asked Compatriot William Y. Pryor of the New Jersey Society to accept appointment to fill the balance of the term of Compatriot Parker as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. Compatriot Pryor has accepted this appointment. Compatriot Pryor's legal training and devotion to American ideals makes him a suitable person to fill this important position and your President General is most happy that Compatriot Pryor has agreed to serve. All State Societies SAR, Chapters and members are urged to send in suggested Resolutions for consideration of the National Resolutions Committee. These proposed resolutions should be mailed to:

Compatriot William Y. Pryor  
64 Sellwood Drive  
Essex Falls, N.J. 07021

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the National Society on October 22, 1977 at Temporary Headquarters was a productive and harmonious meeting. In addition to appointing General Nickerson as Executive Secretary, the Board of Trustees decided that instead of an editorial in the SAR Magazine by the Executive Secretary, the President General should, in his discretion, incorporate in his Message any needed comments of an editorial nature in conformity with the Resolutions of the National Society adopted at the preceding National Congress. Your President General commends to the activities of all Compatriots the article by Compatriot Jerry Asher, National Chairman, SAR Americanism Committee, on page 38 of the Summer 1977 SAR Magazine, entitled: "Help Defend Our Canal Zone; Surrender Impending at the Capitol." Compatriot Asher's carefully prepared article is in accord with the Resolution of the National Congress at Milwaukee on the subject of the Panama Canal.

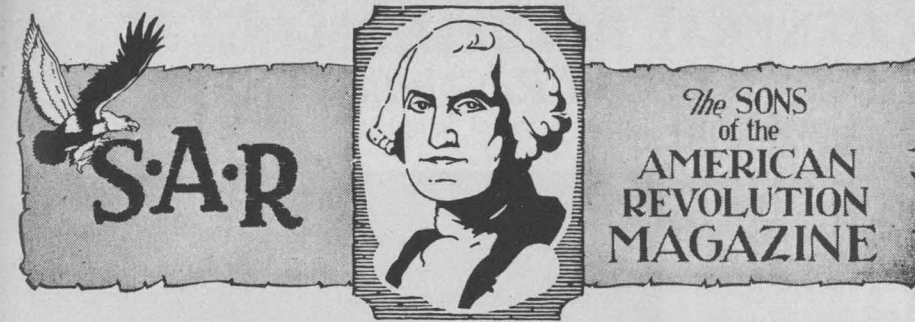
Your President General has appointed Compatriot Ordway P. Burden, 250 East 87th Street, New York, N.Y. 10028, of the Empire State Society SAR, as Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee of the National Society to fill the unexpired term of General Nickerson who resigned this Chairmanship upon his appointment as Executive Secretary. Compatriot Burden is well qualified for this important Chairmanship and his acceptance of this appointment will be of substantial benefit to the National Society.

The good work of Compatriot Joseph B. Head, Chairman of the Liberty Bell Program Committee and of Mrs. Head, still continues. All compatriots are invited to give their full support to this most important work for the patriotic education of the school children of America.

The President General is most happy over the spirit of cooperation and fraternal regard which appears to prevail in the National Society. All compatriots should now concentrate upon the formation of new chapters and the obtainment of new members for the National Society.

At each visitation to regional, State Society or Chapter meetings, your President General's first question has been and will be, "What have you done to form new Chapters?" When I come to you on an official visitation, please have a favorable answer to this vital question!

*Wilson King Barnes*



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**EDITOR'S NOTES**

By action of the Trustees on October 22, 1977, the 87th Annual Congress Proceedings and Minutes of the Trustees Meeting at Milwaukee will be approved at the next Trustees Meeting on February 11, 1978, in Atlanta, Georgia. After approval, they will be printed.

Your magazine should reflect current history being made by our Society in general and our Compatriots in particular. The contents of each issue, in my opinion, reflect that objective.

This issue of the magazine has been abbreviated so that we can get back on the SUMMER, FALL, WINTER, and SPRING schedule. The decision to accelerate this Fall issue was mine and should not be viewed as reflecting unfavorably on the Publisher-Printer's reputation for high quality work. In the event you have suggestions for improving our publication, please address them to your Editor.

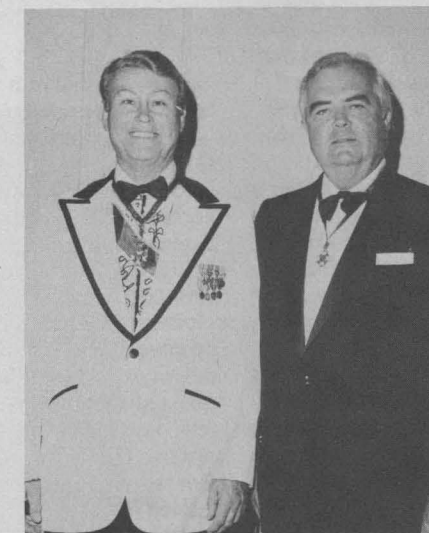
Everything we do in life costs us in time, money and materials. Our purposes are served best when we get the maximum benefits from our efforts. Let me suggest a few ways Compatriots can help:

- Meet deadlines for submission of materials;
- Do not ask for exceptions to deadlines, except in rare cases;
- Check your photographs to be certain we can identify accurately those pictured and the event named;
- Use our Genealogical Inquiries service; and,
- Notify us immediately of your change of address or of any difficulty being experienced in receiving your magazine.

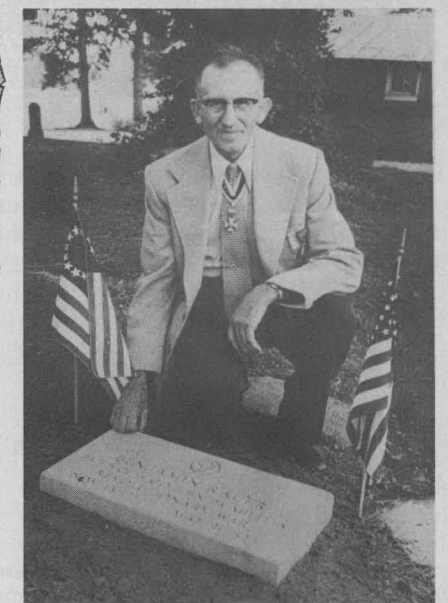
Time, patience, and perseverance will accomplish all things. Please take time to tell us your ideas; have patience with us when we appear to you to be at odds with your views; and together we will persevere in producing a magazine second to none.

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Dr. Calvin E. Chunn, NSSAR Registrar General, and Nevada Supreme Court Justice John Mowbray, Nevada National SAR Trustee, pause in Las Vegas before Dr. Chunn spoke on George Washington's role in persuading the states to vote for the constitution. Las Vegas SAR chapter observed Constitution Day Sept. 17 with southern Nevada DARs as guests. Nevada presented a gold good citizenship medal to the Registrar General.



**A HOOSIER COMPATRIOT'S SEARCH IS ENDED**

Compatriot Cyril L. Johnson, Secretary of the Indiana SAR, found, in Washington County, the grave of his great-great-great grandfather, Benjamin Racer who was a private in the Pennsylvania militia.

A marker was dedicated in Sheets Cemetery. The ceremony was attended by five SARs representing the Parkersburg Chapter, and five representatives of the Marietta DARs.

The philosophy expressed at the dedication is worthy of recording here. "Because we believe that remembering the past is conserving strength for the future, we dedicate this Government Marker of Benjamin Racer. Ideals of honesty, integrity, and faith that men have proven in the past should be guides for the present and the future. Let no man tell you that the democratic struggles and growth in our country have been in vain."



Plan NOW to attend the  
88th Annual Congress  
May 27-31, 1978  
The Galt House  
Louisville, Kentucky



# BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID FORMAN: *Service in the American Revolution*

By William H. Forman, Jr.

DAVID FORMAN SERVED THE YOUNG AND STRUGGLING UNITED STATES as a Brigadier General during the American Revolution. After the nation's independence was won, he was a judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Monmouth County, New Jersey. He was also the vice president of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey shortly after its formation.

David Forman was born on November 3, 1745, near Englishtown in Monmouth County, New Jersey. His parents were Joseph Forman and the former Elizabeth Lee. His father was a shipping merchant of New York, who in later life retired from business and settled on one of his farms in Monmouth County.

The Forman family of Monmouth County was descended from Robert Forman, a dissenter, who emigrated from Buckinghamshire, England, to Holland and then to Long Island. It was there in 1645 that he and seventeen other Englishmen founded Flushing under Dutch authority. Robert Forman died at Oyster Bay, Long Island, in 1671.

Little is known of David Forman's early life and education. He was educated at the College of New Jersey which is now Princeton University.

He married Ann Marsh on February 28, 1767. The marriage ceremony was held in Princeton at the home of Ezekiel Forman, his elder brother.

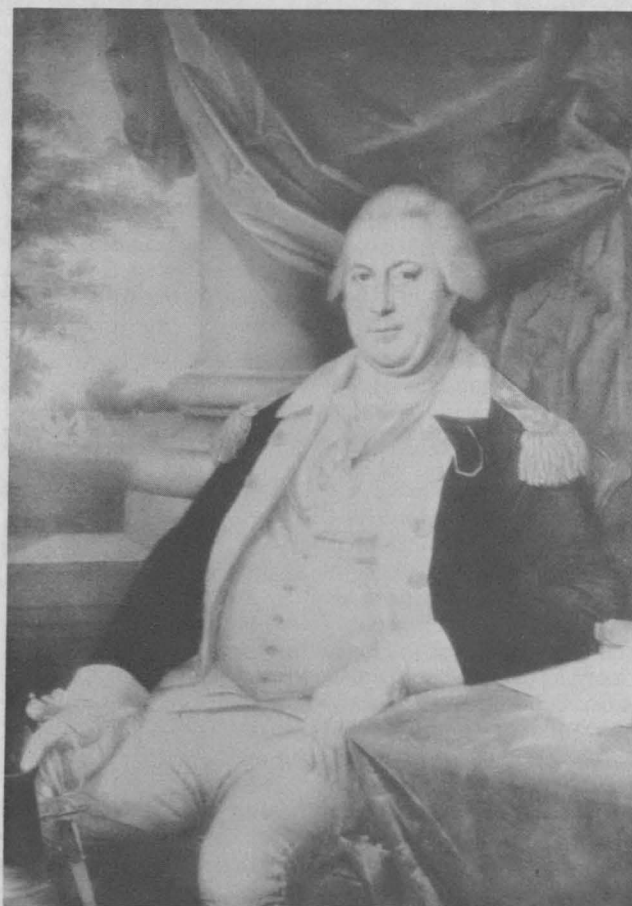
In 1775 a Committee of Observation was formed in Monmouth County to prepare for the armed conflict with Britain. David Forman became a member of the Monmouth County Committee on March 6, 1775.

Shortly after the beginning of the American Revolution in June, 1776, a brigade of New Jersey Militia was sent to reinforce the Army commanded by General George Washington. Joseph Reed was chosen to serve as Brigadier General but he declined the office. Thus, Colonel Nathaniel Heard, who commanded the Monmouth and Middlesex Battalion, became the brigade's commanding general. Lieutenant Colonel Forman was promoted to the rank of Colonel in command of the Battalion. After the Americans retreated from Long Island, General Washington sent the Battalion to suppress a Tory uprising in Monmouth County during November, 1776.

In the following month the Continental Congress authorized the organization of sixteen new regiments. Colonel Forman was selected by General Washington to command one of the new units. The planned strength of each regiment was 728 men but this goal was seldom realized. Thus, he commanded Forman's Regiment of the Continental Army from February, 1777, to July, 1778.

On March 5, 1777, the New Jersey Legislature promoted Colonel Forman to the rank of Brigadier General in the Militia. During the following summer he was engaged in watching and reporting to Congress the movement of the British fleet as it conveyed troops from New York to the mouth of the Delaware River.

Later that year the New Jersey Militia Brigade under the command of General Forman joined General Washington's army. During the Battle of Germantown on October 4, 1777, the New Jersey Brigade joined a Maryland division in forming one of the four columns that attacked the British. Advancing down the Old York Road to attack the enemy's right flank, the column was misdirected by their guides. As a result their arrival at the destination point was late. For despite considerable initial advances, the rest of the Americans retreated in disorder. The British failed to exploit their victory. Both armies numbered under 10,000 men.



Brigadier General David Forman,—from an oil by Charles Willson Peale in the Berkshire Museum.

Early in November, 1777, David Forman resigned his commission as Brigadier General due to a difference with the New Jersey Legislature. He apparently held the Continental Colonelcy and the New Jersey Generalship simultaneously since it was a common practice at the time for the same person to hold several offices. The cause of his resignation is explained in a letter that he wrote to General Washington at Princeton on November 7th. The Legislature apparently wanted to investigate his election to the Generalship and General Forman naturally wished to be present during the proposed investigation. At the same time he was equally desirous of attending to his military duties. Thus, he requested the Legislature to postpone the investigation for a few days until the Militia was assembled and put in some order. The request for postponement was denied. Confronted with the alternatives of having the investigation conducted in his absence or of resigning, he chose to resign. The matter was not fully explained in his letter for he told General Washington that his action would be approved when his full explanation was received. Governor William Livingston tried to persuade General Forman to withdraw his resignation, but he persisted in resigning.

On January 1, 1778, General Forman applied to General Washington for a contract to supply the army with salt. He and his partners had invested ten thousand pounds in the works which were situated at Barnegat. He was authorized to detain sixty men, two subalterns, and a captain out of the detachment of his regiment then stationed in Monmouth to

guard the works. But late in March, 1778, the guard was withdrawn as the Council of State opposed its continuance.

Early in the summer of 1778, General Sir Henry Clinton ordered the 10,000 British troops of his command to evacuate Philadelphia. The Continental force of about 13,500 men pursued.

On a hot sultry June 28th the Americans launched an attack on the retreating British at Monmouth Court House. Major General Charles Lee commanded the attacking force, and General Forman was a member of his staff. Despite a successful advance, General Lee ordered the Americans to retreat.

General Washington arrived, exchanged harsh words with General Lee, and ordered the retreat to stop. The Americans then rallied and fought the British to a standstill until nightfall. During the night the British withdrew and continued their retreat to New York. General Forman's nephew Major Thomas Marsh Forman, also served in the Battle of Monmouth.

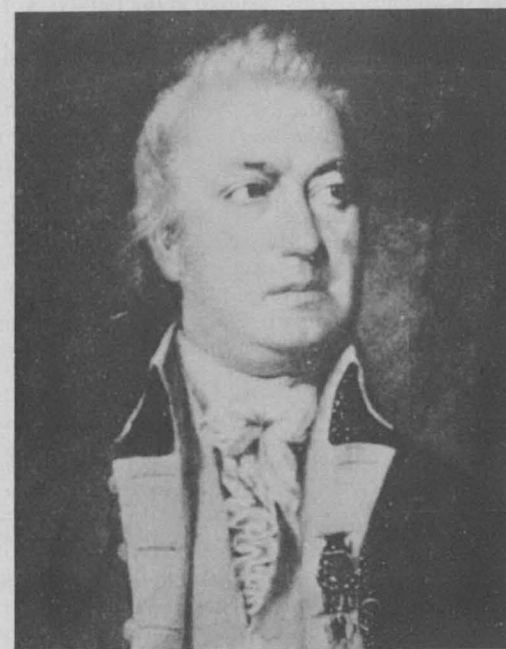
Immediately following the Battle General Lee sent an insulting letter to General Washington demanding an apology for the harsh words exchanged. General Washington refused to apologize, and General Lee demanded a trial by court-martial.

The court-martial was held at Brunswick from July 4th until August 12th. During the trial General Forman testified that he had advised General Lee to order certain military movements during the Monmouth conflict but that his advice had been ignored. Other officers joined in testifying against General Lee. Thus, he was found guilty of disobedience of lawful orders, misbehavior before the enemy, and disrespect toward a superior officer. He was sentenced to a suspension from the service for twelve months.

In December General Lee published his "Vindication." It was so abusive of General Washington that Colonel John Laurens challenged him to duel. General Lee was wounded in the duel and could not accept another challenge from Major General Anthony Wayne.

Shortly after the Battle of Monmouth, General Washington instructed General Forman to facilitate Colonel Laurens in getting on board Vice Admiral D'Estaing's ship in the French fleet then stationed off the New Jersey coast.

Shortly thereafter Colonel Laurens wrote the following letter to his father:



Brigadier General David Forman—from a pastel by James Sharples owned by Mrs. Gertrude Wells Barney.

18th July, 1778

My Dear Father:

I am very happy in having an opportunity of introducing to your acquaintance, General Forman, a gentleman for whom I have the highest esteem, on account of his indefatigability and great sacrifices in the public service.

You will discover at a first interview that he is a man of enlightened understanding, and will receive much satisfaction from his account of the most interesting military transactions of the present day. I must refer you to this gentleman, likewise, for a more minute relation of the obstacles which have delayed the French fleet. We were on board of the Admiral together, and he had an opportunity of being acquainted with the difficulties under which the Admiral has struggled.

Whatever civilities or services it may be in your power to offer to Gen'l Forman, will give particular pleasure to  
Your most affectionate,

John Laurens.

To the Honble Henry Laurens, Esq.,

President of Congress, Philadelphia.

During the latter part of the war from June, 1780, until late in 1782, General Forman commanded New Jersey State Troops. He rendered very important service in gathering intelligence on the movements of the British ships near New York. There were months during that period when no reports were sent, but when important movements were made General Forman would send dispatches to Washington four or five times a month. In June, 1780, he had established posts for more than fifty miles along the New Jersey coast so that it was impossible for any number of ships to be off the coast without his being immediately informed of it.

General Forman frequently rode his horse out to some high point along the coast to make observations personally. The zeal and fidelity of his work can be appreciated only by an examination of his letters to General Washington. The letters are full of the most minute details as to the movements and positions of ships in the waters adjacent to New York. As to the fidelity and intelligence with which General Forman performed his duties, it is best to let the most competent judge, General Washington himself, speak. The following letter was written after the movement resulting in the surrender of Major General Lord Charles Cornwallis had started.

Headquarters, Head of Elk,

Sept. 7, 1781.

Dear Sir: I have received yours of the 6th inst. I feel myself not only personally, but with respect to my Country, so much indebted to you for your exertions on all occasions, that I cannot refrain from expressing my obligations on the subject. Be assured, Sir, it shall always be retained in grateful remembrance, and every opportunity embraced to convince you of my esteem and Friendship. It is with particular pleasure I inform you that Count de Grasse with twenty sail of the Line, arrived in the Chesapeake, \*\*\*\*\* (he then tell his plans.) Should anything of an interesting Nature come to your knowledge, I wish to receive the earliest account of it, and by your returning Expresses, I will forward the news of the day, and the success of our movements.

I am, Dear Sir, With every sentiment of esteem, Yours,  
Go. Washington

Gen. Forman.

In the preceding July when the arrival of Count DeGrasse was expected, some of the Militia cavalymen were stationed at such distances that dispatches could travel from Monmouth to General Washington's headquarters at Dobbs Ferry in twelve or fifteen hours. After the Army started south the letters were directed to be sent to a designated officer who re-forwarded them to General Washington. The express riders' dispatch service was discontinued in the latter part of 1781. But beginning in August, 1782, and for some months thereafter, General Forman again sent information



as to the enemy's naval strength.

Besides sending intelligence reports, General Forman was very active in Monmouth County in suppressing the Tories and Loyalist refugees from the New Jersey coast and the desperadoes known as Pine Robbers. He was hated by the Tories who called him, "Devil David." However, his friend, the Rev. Dr. John Woodhull, often remarked that General Forman was worth more to the American cause in Monmouth County than five hundred men.

Early in the war Colonel George Taylor of Middletown deserted to the Tories. During the latter part of the war, a young man named Stephen Edwards left his home at Shrewsbury and joined the Loyalists in New York. He was sent by Colonel Taylor to Monmouth with written instructions to ascertain the strength of the American force there. He was arrested on a Saturday at midnight at his father's house, taken to the court house and tried by court-martial on the following day. He was found guilty of spying and sentenced to death. His execution took place at 10 o'clock on the following Monday morning. General Forman was one of the judges who presided at the trial.

Captain Joshua Huddy was another judge at the trial. He was taken prisoner by the Tories at Toms River on April 2, 1782, and was hanged on Middletown Heights ten days later in retaliation for the death of Philip White, who had been shot in attempting to escape while being conveyed to jail. In addition, the Tories chose to hang Captain Huddy because of his connection with the Edwards trial.

General Forman took the leading part in obtaining evidence as to the facts of White's death about which there had been false reports. He next brought the matter to the attention of General Washington upon the advice of the American Commissioners for the exchange of prisoners to whom the matter had been first submitted. General Washington wrote to General Clinton demanding that those persons guilty of executing Captain Huddy be delivered to the Americans. Lippincott was tried by a British court-martial for hanging Captain Huddy. His defense of instructions from a higher authority was successful for he was acquitted.

General Clinton complained about American cruelty to Tories in New Jersey, especially in Monmouth County. As a result General Washington warned Governor Livingston that he would deliver to the British any New Jersey Militiamen caught violating the laws of war.

Frustrated by Lippincott's acquittal, the Americans decided to retaliate upon one of the British prisoners. A very youthful officer, Captain Charles Asgill, was selected by lot. But his family was influential, and his mother appealed to the French government to intercede in her son's behalf. Thus, Congress finally ordered the young man's release.

In April, 1783, Major General Henry Knox proposed to the Officers of the Continental Army that they form the Society of the Cincinnati to commemorate their victory over Britain. As a result of his proposal, several Officers met on May 13, 1783, at Verplanck House, the headquarters of Major General Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben near the Hudson River village of Fishkill, New York. General von Steuben, the senior Officer present, presided during the meeting in which the United States' first hereditary veterans' organization was formed. General Washington was unanimously elected to serve at the Society's first president general.

The Society was named for the Roman Patriot of the fifth century B.C., Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus. The scene of Cincinnatus' being called to arms to defend the Roman Republic is depicted on the Society's insignia. Shaped in the form of an eagle, the insignia hangs from a light blue and white ribbon—thus uniting forever the colors of the United States and France.

Societies were later formed in the nation's original thirteen states and in France. The New Jersey society was organized at Elizabethtown on June 11, 1783.



Mrs. David Forman—(Ann Marsh)—from an oil by Charles Willson Peale in the Brooklyn Museum.

General Forman was elected to honorary membership in the New Jersey Society on September 22, 1783. He became a hereditary member on July 4, 1787; and he served as the Society's vice president from 1791 to 1793.

After the war David Forman was a judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Monmouth County.

David and Ann Marsh Forman had eleven children—Joseph, Sarah Marsh, Elizabeth Lee, Ann, David Lee, Augustine—a daughter, Emma, Eliza, Malvina, Rivine, and Alfred. Six of the children died before him.

The affection which his children had for him was great. Owing to his wife's extremely delicate health, he often took upon himself the care of them. He and his family also attended the Old Tennent Church in Monmouth.

In February, 1794, David Forman and his family moved to Chestertown, Maryland. On September 10, 1796, he left Chestertown to visit Natchez, Mississippi, where he owned a large landed estate. While there during March, 1797, he had a stroke of apoplexy. This resulted in the paralysis of his left side.

By August his health and strength had improved considerably. He traveled down the Mississippi to New Orleans, then under Spanish domination. While enroute to New York, the vessel on which he was traveling was seized by a British privateer and taken to the Bahama Islands. The grave anxiety and disappointment was too much for him in his weakened condition. For on September 12, 1797 David Forman died at the age of fifty-two.

David Forman served the new nation as a soldier and judge. His career of public service brings to mind the ideals of the Society of the Cincinnati. Those ideals are contained in the Society's motto—"omnia reliquit servare rempublicam—He left all to preserve the Republic."

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## Chapter and State Societies



## NEWS and events

Your SAR Magazine staff recommends that state societies appoint a qualified compatriot to assemble and transmit ready-to-print material to the office of the Editor. Cooperation by such state societies will obviously enable us to accord them a maximum of representation within these pages.

Do not send newspaper clippings or chapter notices, instead of ready-to-print resumes of activities.

Many situations necessitate the editing of submitted copy, and we reserve the customary editorial prerogative of condensing or omitting that which circumstances justify.

Due to limited space, the text of speeches and essays cannot be published.

Submitted photographs must be black and white glossy prints, for satisfactory reproduction, and must be "SAR subject-related."

Do not send photographs or material which are of such value that their return is necessitated. A service charge of \$1 will be made for each photo or item that must be returned. Any news material that predates the last previous deadline will be considered too outdated for publication, and will be rejected.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL FOR THE NEXT ISSUE DEC. 23, 1977.

#### CALIFORNIA SOCIETY

Compatriot Calvin E. Chunn, Registrar General of the National Society and a member of the Sacramento Chapter, is being endorsed and recommended by various Chapters to the National Society Nominating Committee for election as President General at the Louisville Congress next year. This would make him the first Californian and Westerner that the National Society has had as President General.

At the October 15 meeting President Coffroth informed members that Compatriot Donald M. Dozier, PhD, chairman of Resolutions committee, CSSAR, recently testified on the Panama Canal Treaty before the Senate Committee. Compatriot Dozier said administration claims that a new treaty with Panama will protect U.S. interests are a "vain utopian dream". President Coffroth then displayed bumper stickers "Save Our Canal—Sink the Treaty" ordered from the Santa Barbara chapter.

Three members of the Sacramento

Chapter SAR have been working hard to establish a new SAR Chapter in Modesto. Compatriot Maurice Lathrop has done a lot of "leg work" in making contacts in Modesto. Compatriot Richard Sweet and Compatriot Robert Bussman from Stockton are also working toward the formation of this new chapter. We offer our congratulations and encouragement to these outstanding and energetic compatriots.



The Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch of the Connecticut Society installed a bronze plaque on the grave stone of Jeremiah Wadsworth located in the Old Burying Ground at the Center Church on Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, in recognition of his services as Commissary General of the Continental Armies. Jeremiah Wadsworth's grave stone, with broken shaft appears behind the plaque. Presentation ceremony was held on April 30, 1977. George Athanson, Mayor of Hartford, made the acceptance speech.

#### DELAWARE SOCIETY

Delaware Society hosted July 29-30 Atlantic Middle States Conference of delegates, compatriots and ladies from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and Delaware were toured by compatriots and ladies as guests of the Delaware Society. President General Wilson K. Barnes of Baltimore gave an inspiring address at the banquet which

concluded the conference. Del. Soc. Past President Clarence K. Xander was conference chairman, William S. Hearn was conference secretary, and President Robert L. Meekins was conference treasurer.

July 3 Delaware Society held memorial services at graves of Declaration of Independence signers George Read, New Castle, and Caesar Rodney, Dover. At New Castle the invocation was by Rev. Myles W. Edwards and eulogy by Mrs. Eugene C. Hamilton. At Dover, the Sons of the American Legion Color Guard, in Revolutionary War uniforms, presented the colors; Lt. Gov. James D. McGinnis gave the eulogy, and wreaths were laid by officials of SAR, DAR, CAR, National Sojourners, and Kent County Commissioner Samuel Thomas.

At June 6 luncheon meeting, Lt. Col. Caryl A. Dufresne gave an illustrated talk on the history and proper display of the U.S. flag. Compatriot Edward W. Cooch Jr. spoke at the Sept. 3 reenactment of the Sept. 3, 1777, Battle of Cooch's Bridge, Del., while Iron Hill, where SAR erected a monument in 1901, was dedicated as a state park. Registrar Historian Bayard T. Berndt announced that Robert Buckalew of Pennsylvania Society plans a Pennsylvania-Delaware-Maryland genealogical book.

Delaware Society's recent Gold Good Citizenship Medal awarded Mrs. William N. Cann, Past President of the Delaware State Federation of Women's Clubs, received publicity in the federation's publication, "Delaware Clubwomen News and Views."

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOCIETY

On July 4, the District of Columbia Society held its annual ceremony in Congressional Cemetery, at the grave of Elbridge Gerry, a former Vice President of the United States and the only signer of the Declaration of Independence who is buried in Washington, D.C. The event was well attended and wreaths were laid by numerous patriotic societies who joined in paying their respects to Elbridge Gerry. The speaker was Major General James M. Roberts, USAR. Following the ceremony, all the participants and guests were entertained at a buffet luncheon at the home of D.C. President Peter A. Dixon.





At the grave of Elbridge Gerry, Washington, I to r, Lewis Wroe, Second Vice President, D.C. Society, General James M. Roberts, speaker, and Peter A. Dixon, President.

#### FLORIDA SOCIETY

The **Daytona-Ormond Chapter** were hosts to several special guests at their October monthly meeting. In keeping with Chapter tradition, a Memorial honoring former Compatriot Webster

K. Ellenwood was presented to Mrs. Ellenwood, daughters Mrs. Becky E. Cooper of Ormond Beach, Jan Ellenwood of Marblehead, Mass., and one son Chuck of Daytona Beach.

Additionally on behalf of the Chapter, President Robert G. Elliott presented the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Award to Detective Ted Earl Reigel. Officer Reigel, a five-year veteran of the Daytona Beach Police Dept., currently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division, was recommended by the Staff Officers of Chief Philip L. Ash, Jr., for his recent successful solution of a homicide case. To quote Chief Ash, "A diligent and determined effort on the part of this criminal investigation led to the apprehension of the perpetrator. Countless hours were directed to resolving this most difficult case, many of them while in an off-duty status."

**Caloosa Chapter** presented SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to students at high schools: Riverdale High School, presented by Compatriot Samuel S. Gilbert, Jr., accompanied by Compatriot Ted Brown; North Fort Myers High School presented by Compatriot Morris Bishop. This completed Bronze Good Citizenship Medal awards in all five high schools in the area. Caloosa President William A. Newton presented the bronze SAR ROTC medal to the Cadet Captain at

Cypress Lake High School ROTC unit. The unit was rated Honor Unit With Distinction at the annual inspection by the Department of the Army. This is the third time the unit has received this distinction.

#### KANSAS SOCIETY

The July meeting of the **Delaware Crossing Chapter** was attended by seventy members and guests. Compatriot Earl Dresker reviewed some of the known exploits of his Patriot Ancestor Daniel Guthrie Sr. and told of harrowing experiences with Indians when helping to push the frontier westward. This is one of a series of presentations by Chapter members on their Patriot Ancestors. It is planned that these talks will be pushed in the near future.

Mrs. Lewis Hanford Kessler was presented the SAR Medal of Appreciation for her enthusiastic support of the Chapter's program as a member of the DAR and for referring prospective members. She is the widow of a former president of the Chapter.

Miss Marian Gault lectured on the Art of Heraldry. Lacing her serious remarks with anecdotes of the origins of some coats of arms entertained as well as informed the members and their guests. She personalized her presentation by referencing several armorial items peculiar to some of the Chapter members.

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#### KENTUCKY SOCIETY

The summer meeting of the Kentucky Society was held with the **Madison Chapter** as host. Approximately 70 were registered in the hotel prior to the Board of Governor's business session called to order by State President Jack D. Crump. Invocation was pronounced by Chaplain Rt. Rev. C. C. Boldrick, and Compatriot Frank Long led the pledge of allegiance. Compatriot J. Colgan Norman, immediate past Vice President General, presented the Ky. Society with a gavel which Comp. Norman had made himself while attending high school. President Crump accepted the gift with sincere appreciation on behalf of the state society. Compatriot Carl Ford, president of the host chapter, welcomed the group.

Lt. Col. Robert J. Reynolds, past Trustee from Ohio Society, and Vice President General C. A. Walworth from West Virginia gave brief resumes of duties and future plans. It was noted that the Ky. Society was the first society in the district to submit 100% How-They-Vote reports. Reports were heard and plans were made regarding the 1978 National Congress to be held in Louisville. National Trustee Robert T. Smith gave a brief report on the 1977 National Congress held in Milwaukee. Dr. Warren Lambert was the after dinner speaker. His subject was "America's Two Revolutions, their comparisons and their differences."

A resolution approved by state officers and Board of Governors was presented to J. Colgan Norman recognizing his many worthwhile contributions to SAR ideals.

Moseley Chapter of Owensboro is making arrangements to host the fall meeting. Benediction was offered by Compatriot Lee Duncan Stokes at the conclusion of the day's activities.

The fall meeting of the Society was held at Brandenburg, with **Moseley Chapter** as host. Approximately 40 were registered prior to the Board of Governor's business session which was called to order by State President Jack D. Crump. Invocation was pronounced by Chaplain R. Rev. C. C. Boldrick, and Compatriot J. Colgan Norman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Compatriot Dr. William L. Woolfolk, president of the host chapter, welcomed the group.

Dr. Gracie R. Rowntree, chairman of the 1978 SAR Congress Planning Committee, presented plans and arrangements made thus far for the National Congress to be held in Louisville May 27-31, 1978. Mrs. Ben H. Morris, Chairman of the Ladies Activities for the Congress, made a brief report on activities planned for the ladies' entertainment.

National Trustee Robert T. Smith,

State Chairman of the Historic Manuscript Research Project, urged and encouraged participation in this National Society project noting that the deadline for submission of material had been extended to April 1, 1978.

President Crump displayed a copy of a letter written by George Washington dated December 27, 1796 which was presented to Kentucky Society SAR by Compatriot Card, president of Thruston Chapter.

Luncheon speaker was Col. Thomas G. Quinn, Chief of Staff, U.S. Armor Center and Ft. Knox, who gave some interesting little known facts concerning Ft. Knox. State Secy/Treas. Tom Lyne presented Compatriot Selby E. Smith a framed certificate in recognition of his efforts in sponsoring 18 new members in the Duncan Chapter during the past year.

Thruston Chapter of Louisville is making arrangements to host the annual spring meeting at Executive West, Louisville, at which time President General Wilson King Barnes will be honored guest and banquet speaker.

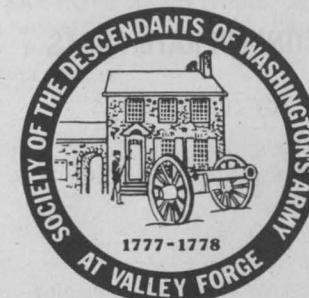
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## LOUISIANA SOCIETY

The General Philemon Thomas Chapter has been quite active. Programs have included Mr. Chester Freeman of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, who spoke on the economic outlook for the Nation, and Mr. William C. Bailey of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, who spoke on the energy issue. State Senator Ken Osterberger discussed the issues before the regular session of the Louisiana Legislature which had just convened, and our own Compatriot Congressman W. Henson Moore spoke on National Defense at our April meeting, to which Members' wives were invited.

On July 12, the Chapter held its seventh annual Gold Good Citizenship Award Banquet at which the Medal was presented to the Honorable Joe W. Sanders, Chief Justice of Louisiana. Presenting the Medal was our new President General, The Honorable Wilson K. Barnes, himself a Judge on the highest appellate court of Maryland. The Chapter is proud that all seven awards of the Gold Medal have been presented by the newly elected President General in his first official act after the SAR Congress, and that the recipients of the Medal have been gentlemen who have been highly respected—not just in Louisiana, but in many cases in the Nation and on the international level. The Chapter has also awarded six R.O.T.C. medals at state universities.

Two members of the Chapter have been appointed to National Committees—John Ellis to Publicity and Liberty Bell and Edward Overton Cailleau to C.A.R.

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Commander Richard K. Thorndike reports that the Massachusetts Continental Color Guard made several appearances this year. February 19 was at the Annual Meeting in the Harvard Club. March 26th saw a small group add a dash of color to the opening of the DAR Spring Conference at the Copley Plaza Hotel with no other than Mrs. Fleck at the helm. Then on to Bedford on April 16th for the traditional pole capping ceremonies and a chance to expel the winter dust and moths from uniforms for THE DAY on April 18th at Lexington. Our sincere thanks to Father John for this invitation. April 18th saw a large turnout of the Color Guard to participate in the Lexington Parade.

May 29th was a banner day, for we had one of the best turnouts of the Color Guard since we performed for Queen Elizabeth. It was Braintree's pleasure to have us join their ranks of other units celebrating Memorial Day. May 30th three members of the Color Guard added a bit of color to the parade at Beverly Farms where we shall meet in 1979.

A night of enjoyment was in store for the Color Guard and their friends at the Boston Pops on June 10th.

June 17th saw a select group of the younger members of the Color Guard under the direction of Compatriot Massie open the Summer Conference of the Children of the American Revolution at the Sheraton Tara in Framingham.

Then on to Wisconsin to join forces with the Maryland Color Guard, who sent eight men for the first two days of the National Congress. Those representing our Color Guard were Stephen R. Holt, Russell P. Mead, Eugene E. Richards, State President Robert C. Bolton and Commander Richard K. Thorndike.

I have already been buttonholed by Dr. Grady Roundtree, the 1978 Congress Chairman, to bring a representative group of our Color Guard to Louisville, Kentucky. It promises to be spectacular. Compatriots please consider this in your vacation plans for 1978. Maryland plans to send a group of their Color Guard.

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## MICHIGAN SOCIETY

Michigan Society Chaplain, Rev. Ralph W. Parks, assisted in conducting a memorial service at the funeral of Past President General Marion H. Crawmer at the First Presbyterian Church in Detroit on August 12. Chaplain Parks also conducted a Memorial Service at the Luncheon of the Michigan Board of Managers held in Plymouth on September 17. Attending the Memorial Services in Detroit were Vice President General Neil S. Murray and his wife; Compatriot Harold M. McCracken and Mrs. McCracken; Compatriot and Mrs. Max W. Camp; Past President Gordon C. Bates; Past Registrars Neil S. Cameron and Donald Sublette; and Michigan Society President, Linus W. Heydon, Sr.

President General and Mrs. Barnes have agreed to come to Michigan in April for our Michigan Congress Annual Meeting.

Two Michigan Compatriots received awards for recruiting new members. They are Colonel Howard Trenkle, Jr. of Livonia and Linus W. Heydon, Sr. of Quincy.

Neil S. Murray of Battle Creek was elected Vice President General for the Great Lakes Region. Neil is a Past National Trustee and Past Michigan President. C. Samuel Bishop of Farmington is our present National Trustee.

Colonel Grant S. Kingon, Registrar, has prepared a map of Michigan using colored pins which designate the chapters, the location of Members-at-Large and the chapter members who do not live in the immediate area where the chapter is centered. He has also prepared copy in which is listed the names of all Michigan Compatriots by towns or areas. These items are assisting us in trying to locate and establish new chapters or reactivate the chapters in the Tri-Cities area and in the Jackson-Ann Arbor area. Also we would like to start chapters in Traverse City, Southwestern Michigan and in the Flint area. We are trying to locate Compatriots who are willing to cooperate with our Membership Chairman Neil S. Murray and President Heydon in scheduling meetings and making contacts in the areas mentioned above. If you would like to assist please get in touch with either Neil or Linus.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Sauk Trail Chapter of Michigan and the Alexis Coquillard Chapter of South

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Bend, Indiana, staged their annual joint meeting in Sturgis on September 24. 35 Compatriots and guests were in attendance. This included President George Earle Carroll and Vice President Volner Cleland Weir of the Indiana State Society; President Linus W. Heydon, Sr., President of the Michigan Society and Col. Grant S. Kingon, Registrar for the Michigan Society, Vice President General of the Great Lakes Region, Neil S. Murray, presided as Chairman of the Day.

Compatriot Dr. Arthur J. Batchelder of New Carlisle, Indiana and Chairman of the Advanced Learning Center of Lake Michigan College, introduced the speaker, Lt. Michael D. Devine, Berrien County Sheriff's Department and Coordinator of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Programs for Lake Michigan College. From a start of 15 candidates in 1971, this program has broadened to include more than 200 officers from Sheriff and Police Departments throughout the state. This school which is considered among the best in the United States, grants Associate and Bachelor of Science Degrees in this field. Following the address Sauk Trail Chapter awarded the SAR Law and Order Medal to Lt. Devine.

## NEBRASKA SOCIETY

A joint meeting of the Lincoln Chapter and of the Nebraska State Society Board of Managers was held in Lincoln on October 23, with members from Beatrice, Falls City, Lincoln, and Omaha attending. The program for the meeting was furnished by Professor Roberto Esquenazi-Mayo, Director of the University of Nebraska's Institute for International Studies. Professor Esquenazi-Mayo reported as an "on-hand observer on the recent elections in Spain.

Officers for the Lincoln Chapter for 1977-1978 were elected: Don W. Miltner, President; Neal A. Chism, Vice-President; Henry M. Cox, Secretary-Treasurer.

## NEVADA SOCIETY

The Nevada Society of the SAR and the local DAR Chapters held their annual Constitution Day dinner in Las Vegas. Guest speaker was Dr. Calvin Chunn, Registrar General NSSAR, whose life story would make a great television series. An Army officer during World War II, Dr. Chunn fought on Bataan with the 45th Infantry and on Corregidor with the 4th Marines. He was wounded three times before being captured by the enemy. After surviving two prisoner of war ship sinkings, he spent three and a half years as a POW. Today Dr. Chunn is chief of textbooks for the California State Department of Education.



Las Vegas Chapter president Wayne Felts presents a gold Good Citizenship medal to Registrar General Calvin Chunn as Nevada Vice President James Cunningham looks on during Constitution Day observance when Dr. Chunn spoke on Washington's role.

## NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

West Fields Chapter, which frequently participates in other local patriotic events, conducted Westfield's annual Independence Day program, including a parade, music, an address, and related items. The speaker was Rev. Richard L. Smith, associate minister of the historic Presbyterian church.

The SAR chapter and members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts presented the colors and the pledge was led by Mrs. Lawrence Everhart, vice regent of Westfield chapter, DAR. The Westfield Fife & Drum Corps, frequently aided by the SAR, played colonial airs.

Comp. James E. Parker, new president of West Fields chapter presented several certificates and the marshals were Comps. A. Bruce Conlin Jr. and Dr. Henry C. Hamilton.

Col. John Rosenkranz chapter participated in the program for the Reenactment of the Battle of the Minisink on the field in Orange County, N.Y., July 22. Comp. Howard Case placed a wreath at the scene in honor of the colonists who lost their lives in the battle against loyalists and Indians. Comp. William Y. Pryor, former national executive committee member, spoke at the chapter meeting in June, recalling the organization of that unit in 1956.

The South Jersey Chapter No. 13, headquartered at Haddonfield, is proud to announce the recipients of its Good Citizenship Medal. The medals and certificates are awarded annually to senior high school students displaying outstanding character and patriotic leadership. This year 92 public, vocational-technical and private secondary schools in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean and Salem Counties participated.

## NEW MEXICO CHAPTER

The State Fair exhibit was exceptionally excellent; kudos to Compatriots Hagood, Bramlett, etc. and to the CAR. The McDowell State Award went to our Bill Blackwell and the Albuquerque Chapter Roth Award to Ernest Hill. The Board on September 3 decided to forego any dues for new members during the first year which ends officially on March 31st of each year. Dues for the ensuing April 1st-March 31st would have to be paid.

## EMPIRE STATE (N.Y.) SOCIETY

Officers for the New York Chapter elected to serve for the 1977/78 term effective October 24 are President—Paul K. Addams; Vice Presidents—Louis H. Whitehead, Houston Eagle, E. Christopher Snell; Secretary—Herbert E. Worthington; Ass't Secretary—Mark Lockyer Schneider; Treasurer—E. Christopher Snell; Ass't Treas.—John F. W. Whitbeck; Registrar—Richard W. Garrett; Historian—Dr. Floyd M. Shumway, Jr.; Chaplain—Rev. Thomas F. Pike, D.D.

They were sworn in by Compatriot James B. Gardiner II, Past Pres. General, National Soc. SAR and Past President of New York Chapter & Empire State Society.

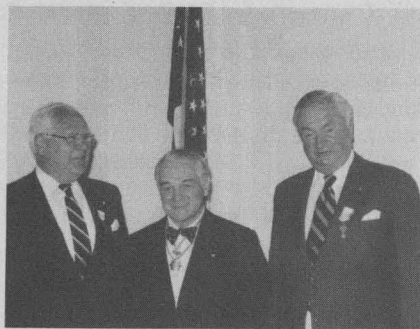


The SAR-ROTC award, North Carolina State University, Comp. John Randolph Riley, President of the Raleigh, North Carolina Chapter.



The SAR-ROTC award, Duke University, Vice President General Richard F. Boddie.





At the annual meeting of the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania Compatriots Brig. Gen. William B. Gold, former president of the Philadelphia-Continental Chapter and David Hall Kollock 3rd were given citations as former Presidents of the Huguenot Society. At the meeting Compatriot George B. Zendt, former President of the Valley Forge Chapter was inducted as President of the Huguenot Society for the third term. Left to right: Compatriots Gold, Zendt, Kollock.

#### PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the **Conococheague Chapter** was held in Chambersburg on November 17. The speaker for this meeting was Lt. Col. William H. Husscutt of the Carlisle Army Barracks, Carlisle, on the controversial and timely subject, "The Panama Canal".

It is with regret that the Chapter has accepted the resignation of Compatriot Paul S. Gelwicks, the Secretary of Conococheague Chapter. Past-President Paul has served as our Secy.-Treas. for the past 16 years and has been very active in the Conococheague Chapter as well as the Pennsylvania Society having served as State President and Trustee. Paul has had to relinquish his present office due to personal reasons, but we would hope that we may look to him for guidance as it has been primarily through his efforts that Conococheague Chapter has had such a successful record in membership and local and state participation.

The **Conococheague Chapter** held its Compatriot's Day meeting in Chambersburg. Dr. Allan B. Judson, Assistant Professor of History at Wilson College, was the speaker. He recapped life in the early American settlements and our forefather's influence on the environmental resources during and before the American Revolution.

The **Continental Congress Chapter** held its annual lawn picnic on at the adjoining homes of two local members, John Hostetter and Donald Weiser, Gettysburg. A picnic supper was served to forty members and guests by Mr. and Mrs. Hostetter and Mr. Weiser. Albert Dudrear, Jr., chapter president presided at a short business meeting following the social hour.

State President Henry T. Limberg,

Sr., was the guest of the **Christopher Gist Chapter** at the chapter's quarterly dinner meeting held at the Historical Great Belt Hotel, five miles south of Butler, at Great Belt.

The **Harris Ferry Chapter** held its annual picnic for the members and their guests at the home of past chapter president Kenneth Nebinger.

Scranton was the site of a luncheon meeting of the **Northeast Chapter** with chapter president Leslie R. Martin, presiding. Guest of honor was State Second Vice President Arthur J. G. Oplinger. The speaker for the occasion was State Senator Robert Mellow who gave an interesting briefing of current politics.

At a meeting of the **Somerset County Chapter** State President Henry T. Limberg, Sr., was the speaker. He stressed the importance of knowing about what is going on in the legislative halls and letting our elected representatives know about the way we feel on important issues.

In Wilmington, Del., at a Westminster Presbyterian Church service May 15, a colorful procession of 50 members of the Pennsylvania Society SAR, each bearing a replica of the regimental banner from the American Revolution, was featured in commemoration of the 1777-78 encampment of the Continental Army at Valley Forge. Delaware and Maryland regiments of 1500 men under command of Gen. William Smallwood, upon order of Gen. George Washington, encamped in Wilmington Dec. 21, 1777.

The **Blair County Chapter** participated in the annual Armed Forces Day parade in Altoona with two appropriately marked cars loaded with chapter members.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

The 2nd Annual Colonial Ball of South Carolina Society of The Sons of The American Revolution was September 3rd at The Carolina Inn in Columbia. This gala Ball officially opened the debutante season in South Carolina. Eighteen debutantes, all straight lineal descendants from a Patriot or Patriots who served our country during The Revolutionary War were presented.

Also present were twenty-one Past Debutantes of 1976 with Escorts. General William Westmoreland's wife was one of our distinguished guests and many DAR, CAR and SAR Members.

Part of the proceeds are for the Oratorical Contest and part for Educational grants to Sons and Daughters of SAR and DAR members.

The Ball Room was beautifully decorated with a centerpiece of magnolia blossoms in full bloom and buds resting on magnolia leaves at each table as well as at the long Debutante Table. Arrangements of beautiful red roses were placed throughout the entire Ball Room. Each Debutante carried a lovely nosegay composed of the SAR colors, blue, gold, and white, a gift from SAR.

The Presentation and Retirement of Colors were performed by a select group of Citadel Cadets. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President, Area II, South Carolina Society, SAR, John P. Spigner. The Presentation of Debutantes was made by Walter Taylor Barron. George Thomas DesChamps, Chairman of the Ball, presented each Debutante with a silver Paul Revere Bowl, a gift of the South Carolina Society of The Sons of the American Revolution.

The Receiving Line was composed of S.C. State President, SAR, Lt. Col. George F. Oliver; National Vice-President General Richard F. Boddie; S.C. National Trustee, Harold McLeod; Senior Vice President, S.C. Society, Julian Victor Brandt; Area Vice President of S.C. Society, John Hugh Cantrell, William Buford Worthy, Secty.-Treas., S.C. Society; and Vice President of the Georgia Society, Gerald G. Fling of Savannah.



The SAR-ROTC award, University of Tennessee, ROTC Chairman, Comp. J. Dudley Drake, Stephen Holston Chapter.



University of Tennessee, Comp. Theodore F. Wagner, President Stephen Holston Chapter.

#### TEXAS SOCIETY

The Board of Managers met in Huntsville where they presented a bronze plaque, showing the Revolutionary soldiers who are buried in Texas. The plaque is on display in the War and Peace House of the Sam Houston Museum. After the presentation a reception was held. Later the **Capt. John McAdams Chapter** hosted the Board at a cocktail party. This plaque was pictured in the Summer issue of the SAR magazine.

The August meeting of the **Dallas Chapter** was held at a breakfast. In keeping with the chapter's efforts on the film "The Price of Freedom" their speaker was Hon. Dale Milford, a member of Congress from nearby Grand Prairie. A large number of members were present.

The **Daniel Wood Chapter** had a dinner meeting, August 9th, at which the State Secretary was the speaker.

The State Secretary was in Lubbock, August 10, where he met with the members of the Texas Tech Chapter. Plans for the 1978 State convention were made with the convention committee. It was decided that the meeting would be held at the South Park Inn, in Lubbock, March 31-June 1, 1978.

The 1978 convention of the Texas Society will be held at the South Park Inn, Lubbock, Texas, March 31-June 1, 1978. It is expected that a good number of members living in the Western part of the State will attend.

#### UTAH SOCIETY

An official charter was presented to the officers elected to head the new **Salt Lake Chapter** of the Utah Society of SAR in the Society banquet on Sept. 20. The group will hold its regular luncheon meetings on the first Monday of each month beginning on Oct. 10.

Authorized last spring by the Board of Managers of the Utah Society, the new unit includes all Utah compatriots living in Salt Lake Valley and northward. Those living south of that area belong to the Utah Valley Chapter which was organized in January and chartered in April.

Thomas M. Tinney, who has served as registrar of the Utah Society for the past four years, becomes the first president of the new chapter. He will be assisted by James Martin Clark, vice president, Larry L. Piatt, secretary, and Dr. C. LaVerne Bane, chaplain.

Pres. Tinney received the charter from Oliver R. Smith, 1976-77 president of the Utah Society, and felicitations from Vice President General Homer Deal.

The SAR Patriot Medal, highest honor which can be bestowed by a state society, was presented at the Constitu-

tion Week banquet to Col. John J. Livingston, USA Ret., in recognition of his lengthy and distinguished service to the organization in Utah. He became a member of SAR in 1966, and served as chairman of the 79th Congress of the National Society which was held in Salt Lake City in 1969.

He was president of the Utah Society, 1969-70, and for many years chairman of its annual George Washington birthday banquets. He is a past National Trustee for Utah.

The Sept. 20 Constitution Week banquet marked the installation of the new officers of the Utah Society of SAR.

Compatriot Graham T. Smallwood, a Past Librarian General of SAR and an officer in several other societies, presented an informative talk on the role of lineage societies in America.

Homer S. Deal of Boise, Idaho, SAR Vice President General for the Inter-Mountain District, conducted the new officers' installation. He also presented to outgoing President Oliver R. Smith the first William L. Cone Award for achievement in enrolling new SAR members. The award was donated by William R. Ward, Utah Society, historian and membership chairman, in memory of the former society president and secretary who died last year.

These members took office for 1977-78: President—Lynn S. Richards, 1st Vice President—Melvin Stanford, 2nd Vice President—Raymond Holbrook, Secretary-Treas.—Larry L. Piatt, Registrar—William R. Ward, Chaplain—Dr. C. LaVerne Bane, National Trustee—Oliver R. Smith.

#### VERMONT SOCIETY

September 3, by erecting a historical plaque at the North Pawlett School, Pawlett, Vermont, the Vermont Society Sons of the American Revolution



Here's the new Vermont SAR Bicentennial plaque. From left to right are Colonel John Williams, past president of the Vermont Society, the plaque on a boulder from nearby Indian Hill, and Harold Stillwell, president, Vermont Society SAR. The stone and its plaque stand on the lawn in front of the North Pawlett School.

celebrated the bicentennial of the establishment of Vermont as an independent nation. (Declaring independence January 16, 1777 as New Connecticut, the State changed its name and joined the Union as the fourteenth state in 1791.)

The plaque commemorates the encampment of about 2,500 American Revolutionary troops under the command of General Benjamin Lincoln. From Pawlett three parties of troops of about 500 men each assailed Ticonderoga, Mount Independence and Skenesborough (Whitehall) under the leadership of Colonel John Brown, Colonel Samuel Johnson and Colonel Benjamin Ruggles, respectively. Near Ticonderoga and Lake George Landing the Americans captured over 330 prisoners, took or destroyed considerable stores, numerous horses, carriages, boats and released about 118 American prisoners and captured enemy outposts such as Mount Independence, scaled in a heroic assault by Captain Ebenezer Allen's Company of Colonel Samuel Herrick's Vermont Rangers. These successful operations helped lay the groundwork for the defeat and surrender of General Burgoyne's Army at Saratoga, 17 October, 1777.

The Vermont SAR maintains eighteen historical markers, awards medals for excellence in ROTC and makes good citizenship awards. Members are lineal descendants of veterans or supporters of the American War of Independence. Interested persons are invited to contact Vermont SAR President Harold Stillwell, Woodstock, Vermont.

#### VIRGINIA SOCIETY

Our apologies to newly-elected Lieutenant Governor of Virginia Charles Robb and his wife Linda Bird Johnson Robb, for our quotation goof on page 14, Summer issue—Editor.

The **George Washington Chapter's** Fall Program began with Mr. George E. Hill's presentation on "Gentleman Johnny Burgoyne" on September 14, 1977 at Goodwin House.

As part of the Chapter's Constitution Week program, Chapter President Frank L. Calkins presented a copy of *The Constitution of the United States—Analysis and Interpretation* to both the Alexandria Public Library and the T. C. Williams Senior High School of Alexandria.

On October 4, 1977, the Chapter jointly sponsored, with the On-Ti-Ora Chapter, DAR, of Catskill, New York, a "Program Honoring the People of Catskill: Past—Present—Future". The SAR delegation was headed by President Calkins and included Compatriots Henry M. Calkins and his wife, Nancy, Norman H. Dieter, President of the Empire State Society, SAR, and Ralph



H. Bacon, Registrar of the Empire State Society. The DAR delegation was headed by Mrs. Charles Link of the On-Ti-Ora Chapter.

The program began with the marking of Pvt. Peter Bogardus' grave. Pvt. Bogardus was a member of the 11th Regiment of Albany County Militia which, under the command of Brig. Gen. Abraham Ten Broeck, engaged General Burgoyne's army on October 7, 1777, in what was to be known as the second Battle of Saratoga. On behalf of the G.W. Chapter, President Calkins presented a \$100 check for the maintenance of the Revolutionary War Veterans' graves, located in the cemetery, to the Honorable Frank DeBenedictus, President of the Village of Catskill, and Mr. Thomas Porto, Superintendent of Public Works, Village of Catskill.

In recognizing the "Present", President Calkins presented the Chapter's \$100 check for the 1978 Catskill High School graduate who achieves the highest mark in American History to Mr. Lawrence Holland, Principal of the Catskill High School. In addition, the G.W. Chapter presented Mrs. Charles Link the Martha Washington Medal, with framed certificate, for coordinating the ceremony arrangements and promoting SAR-DAR cooperation.

President Calkins presented the "Future" citizens of Catskill a U.S.

Flag flown over the U.S. Capitol on July 4, 1976 at the request of Congressman Joseph L. Fisher of Virginia. The flag and framed certificate of authenticity were accepted by the Honorable Frank DeBenedictus and Mr. Gunther Hafner, Assistant Publisher of *The Catskill Daily Mail*.

The George Washington Chapter hosted a joint meeting with the George Mason Chapter at Goodwin House on October 12, 1977. Vice-President William Moore of George Mason and President Frank Calkins of George Washington presided at the meeting, which included an interesting talk by Col. William P. Jones on the "Battles of Saratoga".

At a reception for Dr. Warren S. Woodward, former Executive Secretary, NSSAR (1966-1977), on October 24, 1977, President Frank Calkins presented the Chapter's farewell gift to Dr. Woodward. The award was an engraved sterling silver goblet accompanied by a framed certificate citing Compatriot Woodward for his services to the Chapter and the Virginia Society by his discovering The Virginia Medal and bringing it to the attention of the Va. Society. Compatriots Braxton Tabb, Donald Baldwin, H. Paul Porter, David York, and Ordway P. Burden participated in the presentation.

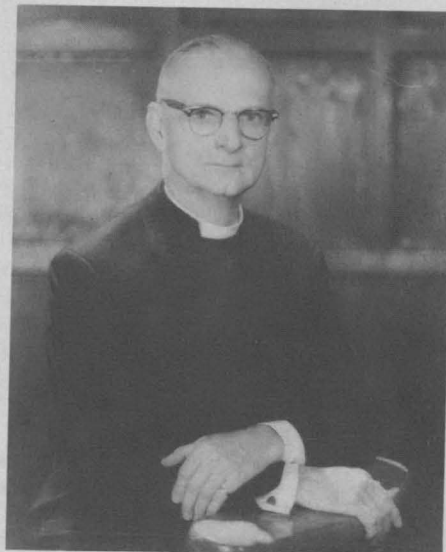
The George Washington Chapter elected officers for 1977-'78: Pres.

Frank L. Calkins, V.-P. William E. Young, Sec'y Stanley Gee Price, Treas. Moses M. Gibson, Board of Managers: George S. Knight, Douglas A. Roderick, and Donald B. Wilson.

Pres. Frank L. Calkins presented to Mr. Robert Fisher, representing the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union, a gift of \$100 for the maintenance of the tombs of George and Martha Washington. The Chapter also presented \$100 to Mr. John Charles Harris of the Mount Vernon Guard for the Guard's uniform fund.

The George Washington Chapter also gave \$100 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial for maintaining its Washington Museum, and a replica of the SAR flag, which bears a likeness of Gen. Washington in profile. The presentation took place in the Great Hall of the Memorial, at the head of King Street in Alexandria. Another gift of \$100 was made to the Goodwin House Fellowship Fund.

A joint meeting with the George Mason Chapter hosted by the George Washington Chapter was held at the Goodwin House on October 12, 1977. President Calkins extended a welcome to our Chapter and introduced officers and guests. Vice President William Moore, representing the George Mason Chapter in the absence of President Hetland, replied to President Calkins' welcome.



## THE REVEREND SAMUEL H. SAYRE

The Reverend Mr. Sayre is descended from Lewis Morris, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, from New York and later a Brigadier General in the Army. Three sons also served in the Continental Army.

Compatriot Sayre, a member of the Virginia Society since 1964, has served as Chaplain of the Society since 1969 and has attended nearly every meeting. The Virginia Society has awarded him the Silver Good Citizenship Medal. He is Chaplain of his SAR chapter and American Legion Post and member of Mathews County Bicentennial Commission.

Mr. Sayre was born and reared in Hampton, Virginia, where he attended public schools. He received his bachelor degree at St. Stephens, now Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, and his theological degree at the General Theological Seminary, New York. He first served as missionary in South Dakota, and married Marjorie Rennison, who was teaching at an Indian Church school. He served at St. Paul's Church, Chicago, Illinois; Rector of two parishes in Northern Pennsylvania and as Rector, St. Barnabas' Church in Eagle Rock, Los Angeles, California, 22 years. At this time he also served as Chaplain to the Bishop of Los Angeles and as Dean of the Pasadena Convention with supervision over 13 mission churches, two of which he organized.

Compatriot Sayre is a 32nd Degree Mason, member of Royal Arcanum and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternities.

**THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY**  
proudly presents its Candidate  
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the National Society, Sons of  
the American Revolution at  
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1978

A wreath-laying ceremony, the responsibility of the Thomas Nelson and the Richmond Chapters, has been added to the other activities of the Yorktown Association at the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson, Signer of the Declaration of Independence and defender at Yorktown in the final engagement of the war. This year Compatriot Carroll Wright, Past Vice President General, brought the message and the wreath was placed by direct descendants of Governor Nelson: Past State President, Thomas Nelson of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter, his son, Thomas Nelson Jr. with his son, Thomas Nelson III, and a brother of Thomas Nelson Sr., Dr. William Nelson of Denver, Colorado.

The Culpeper Minutemen Chapter has begun a program under the leadership of Pres. (Capt.) John Kearns and Registrar John Board of locating and registering the graves of American Revolutionary War soldiers and other patriots who may be buried in Culpeper and adjoining Northern and Central Virginia counties.

The Chapter also plans to compile the names of all Culpeper Minutemen who served in the Revolution and erect memorials to them. The troop of Minutemen was organized by Lieut. John Marshall in 1775 when mustered on a

hillside west of the Town of Culpeper. The detachment was made up of patriots from Culpeper, Loudon, and Fauquier Counties.

The Lt. David Cox Chapter held its annual meeting with the New River Pioneer Chapter, DAR, and the local CAR Chapter at the resort of Shatley Springs, North Carolina. Pres. James J. Todd presided at the dinner.

Among the distinguished guests, in addition to the past presidents and current officers of the Chapter, were Miss Celene Phipps, Regent of the New River Pioneer Chapter, DAR, Va. Soc. Surgeon Palmer W. Fant, M.D., Va. Soc. 1st V.-P. Walter A. Porter, M.D., who is also Surgeon General of the National Society, SAR, and Va. Soc. Pres. Braxton H. Tabb, Jr. Pres. Tabb was heartily welcomed as the guest speaker.

The Lynchburg Chapter dedicated a monument in the Old City Cemetery of Lynchburg, Va., to mark the grave of Sgt. Henry Holdcroft Norvell, last of the Revolutionary soldiers known to be buried in the cemetery and whose grave had not been marked.

Officiating at the dedication in addition to Pres. S. Vance Wilkins, Jr., of the Lynchburg Chapter, were Mayor Joseph Freeman of Lynchburg and Comp. (Col.) Richard Scott Blackburn

Hudgins. Mrs. Robert L. Hill unveiled the memorial, which she had presented to the Lynchburg Chapter in memory of our late Comp. Henry W. Cheatham.

Later in the day, after a delightful luncheon given by Pres. and Mrs. S. Vance Wilkins, Jr. for the compatriots, their wives, and invited guests, the Chapter held its summer meeting. Comp. Fred M. Davis was awarded the Virginia Society Medal for his splendid and outstanding services to the Lynchburg Chapter over the years. Mrs. Robert L. Hill (Ann Rowe) was then presented with the Martha Washington Award by Pres. Wilkins for her conspicuous service to our Society.

On July 4, the Thomas Jefferson Chapter joined the Jack Jouett Chapter, DAR, in laying wreaths at Mr. Jefferson's grave. Mrs. Clifford C. Kelsey, Regent of Jack Jouett Chapter, presided and the Invocation was given by Mrs. Frederick Tracy Morse, Past-Chaplain General, NSDAR, and Honorary State Regent of the Virginia DAR. Col. Carroll Wright, Past-President of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter, Past-President of the Virginia Society, and Past Vice-President General of the National Society, SAR, gave the tribute to Mr. Jefferson.

## NEWS OF THE ATLANTIC MIDDLE STATES CONFERENCE

The Atlantic Middle States Conference of 1977 was held in Wilmington, Delaware, on July 29-30, with the Delaware Society as host. Delegates and their ladies from Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia enjoyed a reception Friday evening.

Vice-President Gen. Carl F. Bessent (also President of the Maryland Society) presided at the business meeting, July 30. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Wilson K. Barnes, Past Organizing Secretary-General of the DAR and wife of the President General, SAR. The Invocation was given by Maryland Society Secretary Earl M. Altizer, and the American's Creed was led by Carl Bessent. Delaware Society President Robert L. Meekins welcomed the delegates to his State.

Gen. Bessent introduced Delaware Society Vice-President William Hearn as Secretary of the Conference. It was noted that the States represented in the Conference have a total membership of 6,200 compatriots or about 32% of the total membership of the SAR. Vice-President Gen. Richard E. Crane of the North Atlantic District spoke on the importance of grass-root activities in each District, especially at the Chapter level, with administrators serving merely to aid and coordinate Chapter activities, making for a harmonious whole.

V.-P. Gen. Bessent introduced Comp. Floyd G. Hoenstine of Pennsylvania who organized the first Atlantic Middle States Conference in 1964. He called on the late Giles Parker for a historical résumé of the Conferences, and it was brought out that the Atlantic Middle States organized because they were sending large numbers of delegates to the National SAR Congresses, but the delegates were unorganized and uninstructed and were electing no national offi-

cers from their area. The Atlantic Middle States organized the first District Conference, and now other Districts have also organized similar meetings. These Conferences are not provided for in the National SAR Constitution, but are unofficial get-togethers of delegates with common regional interests.

There was a discussion of the new temporary National Headquarters and of the requirements for a new permanent Headquarters. Pres. Gen. Wilson K. Barnes was introduced and gave his views on the location of a new National Headquarters. The late Compatriot Giles Parker and Secretary General Franklin W. Kinnamon both spoke in favor of locating the permanent National Headquarters in the environs of the nation's Capital. A motion was placed on the floor and passed, that "It is the recommendation of the Atlantic Middle States Conference that the permanent National Headquarters of the SAR be located in the immediate vicinity of the nation's Capital."

After a coffee break, the delegates reconvened to hear reports from the various national and district officers. D.C. Society President Peter A. Dixon invited the Atlantic Middle States Conference to meet in the District of Columbia in July 1978. Compatriot Warren Burdette of the Maryland Society reported that the SAR's "Keep America First" poster can be purchased in billboard size for only \$12.00 (or two for \$20), and that outdoor advertising companies will often put these up free as a public service when billboard space is available. Virginia Society Chancellor George S. Knight suggested that this information be placed in the National SAR Magazine, and his motion was approved by the Conference.

Vice President General Bessent raised the question of "Who were the Signers of the Constitution from each State? Have wreaths been laid on their graves in commemoration of Constitution Day?" He then closed the 14th Atlantic Middle States Conference after a motion was passed thanking the Delaware Society for their hospitality.



# NEW MEMBERS GREETINGS and a WARM WELCOME

There have been enrolled in the office of the Registrar General from June 1, 1977 to August 1, 1977, a total of 267 new members distributed as follows:

Alabama 4, Alaska 0, Arizona 1, Arkansas 4, California 14, Colorado 4, Connecticut 2, Delaware 5, District of Columbia 2, Florida 19, Society in France 0, Georgia 7, Hawaii 0, Idaho 0, Illinois 13, Indiana 6, Iowa 1, Kansas 1, Kentucky 5, Louisiana 9, Maine 2, Maryland 5, Massachusetts 7, Michigan 17, Minnesota 2, Mississippi 7, Missouri 1, Montana 0, Nebraska 1, Nevada 2, New Hampshire 0, New Jersey 10, New Mexico 4, New York 13, North Carolina 13, North Dakota 0, Ohio 5, Oklahoma 3, Oregon 1, Pennsylvania 21, Rhode Island 2, South Carolina 7, South Dakota 0, Switzerland 0, Tennessee 4, **TEXAS 22**, Utah 4, Vermont 2, Virginia 13, Washington State 1, West Virginia 0, Wisconsin 1, Wyoming 0.

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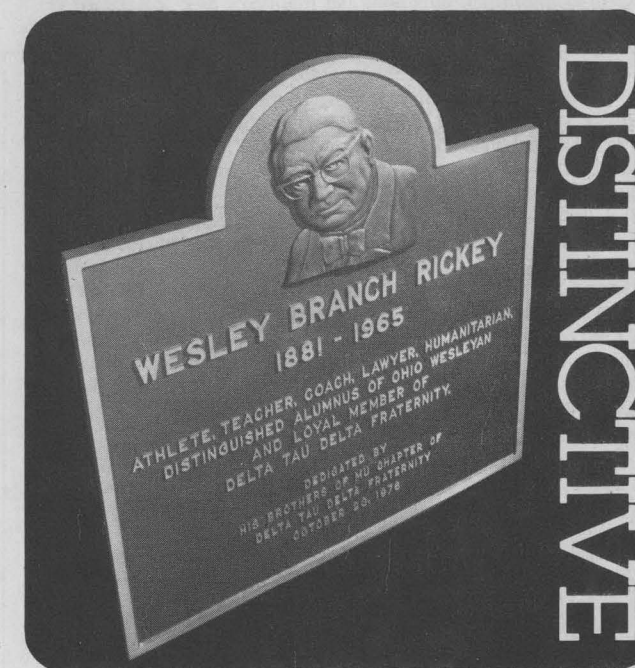
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# Compatriots in the Public Eye



Compatriot WILLIAM Y. PRYOR has been appointed Chairman of the Resolutions Committee by President General Barnes. Compatriot Pryor joined the New Jersey Society in May, 1940 and has been active at State and National level.

Compatriot TIMOTHY R. BENNETT, SR. Vice President, District of Columbia Society, was recently elected President of the Bond Club of Washington.

Compatriot JOHN B. MOORE, Delaware Society, was elected Prior of the Priory of Delaware of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, succeeding SAR Compatriot J. Caleb Boggs. Compatriot ALEXIS I. DU PONT BAYARD is the order's Chief of Protocol, and Compatriot Charles R. Tod Goodwin presented Compatriot Boggs with an antique wall plaque of military crossed swords as a token of appreciation.

A member of the Delaware Crossing Chapter, Kansas Society, LIEUTENANT PHILIP BARBOUR, watch commander of the Overland Park, Kansas, police department, has been instrumental in forming a local unit of the Fellowship of Christian Police Officers.

Compatriot C. DALE CURTISS, a member of the Detroit Chapter, was honored by induction into the E Club Athletic Hall of Fame at Eastern Michigan University.

Compatriot Judge JEAN L. AUXIER has been nominated for First Vice President of the Kentucky Historical Society. Judge Auxier, a former U.S. District Attorney, is a member of the American and Kentucky State Bar Associations.

Compatriot ARTHUR C. JONES, M.D., Portland Chapter, Oregon, has been appointed to the Multnomah County Commission on Aging.

## THESE COMPATRIOTS REALLY DO GET AROUND!

Tom Rodoumes, in the Southern California Safari Club Newsletter, reported on the whereabouts of Compatriot Max Hurlbut who has been moving deasil and widdershins to far-away places. He says:

"I wondered why we hadn't seen Max Hurlbut around lately and just received a note from him that explains everything. He just returned from a couple of months in Asia (courtesy of the U.S. Army) and Africa. He is a Captain in the USAR (Military Intelligence/Special Forces). Max was attached to the special Warfare Command in Pingtung, Republic of China (Taiwan). He qualified for the Chinese "Three Plum Flower" (Master) Parachutist badge and the Rough Terrain Wing. On his first jump—as "wind dummy" for a stick of student jumpers, Max missed the Drop Zone (a sweet potato field) and landed in a flooded rice paddy. The Chinese are dedicated soldiers—their incentive is on the Mainland a few miles to the west. General Lul also presented Max with the coveted Chinese Army Adviser's Badge.

"Max jumped with the 'Police Aerial Reinforcement Unit' of the Royal Thai Border Patrol Police on the Southern Border of Thailand. This is the strike Force that parachutes in and engages Communists penetrating their borders. They jump from old C-7A Caribous.

"Max then traveled from Bombay to Johannesburg and into Salisbury, Rhodesia to visit some friends. He hunted a week in Matetsi, Matabeleland, and shot a good sable. Max was in Victoria Falls the day the Zambians tried to create an incident by lobbing a few ineffective mortar rounds over the Zambezi. Max made it back in time to enjoy the Awards Dinner and it was good to see him again."



The Rome Chapter of the Georgia Society SAR presented an American flag to the Polk County Historical Society. The flag was presented to and is to be used at the newly opened and redecorated quarters in Cedartown. In the photo, Jack Harris (center) president of the Rome Chapter, presents the flag to George Mundy (right) president of the Polk County Historical Society as Hugh Watts Randall, a member of the Rome Chapter of the Georgia Society and the Polk County Historical Society looks on.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, at its 87th Annual Congress, assembled from June 25 through June 29, 1977 at The Pfister, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and adopted the following resolutions:

### THE PANAMA CANAL

#### Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS, the title to and ownership of the canal zone, under the right "in perpetuity" to exercise sovereign control thereof, were vested absolutely in the United States and recognized to have been so vested in certain solemnly ratified treaties by the United States with Great Britain, Panama and Columbia, to wit:

1. The Hay-Pauncefote Treaty of 1901 between the United States and Great Britain, under which the United States adopted the principles of the convention of Constantinople of 1888 as the rules for operation, regulation, and management of the canal; and

2. The Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty of 1903 between the Republic of Panama and the United States, by the terms of which the Republic of Panama granted full sovereign rights, power, and authority in perpetuity to the United States over the canal zone for the construction, maintenance, operation, sanitation, and protection of the canal to the entire exclusion of the exercise by the Republic of Panama of any such sovereign rights, power, or authority; and

3. The Thomson Urrutia Treaty of April 6, 1914 proclaimed March 30, 1922 between the Republic of Columbia and the United States, under which the Republic of Columbia recognized that the title of the canal and the Panama Railroad is vested "entirely and absolutely" in the United States, which treaty granted important rights in the use of the canal and railroad to Columbia; and whereas the canal is of vital and imperative importance to hemispheric defense and to the security of the United States and Panama; and

WHEREAS, under Article IV, Section 3, clause 2 of the United States Constitution, the power to dispose of territory or other property of the United States is specifically vested in Congress, it is the solemn duty of Congress to safeguard the Panama Canal and Zone;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution urges its members to demand of the President, the Senate and the House of Representatives that there be no relinquishment or surrender of sovereign rights and jurisdiction over the canal and zone, nor any cessation, dilution, forfeiture, negotiations, or transfer of any of these sovereign rights, power, authority, jurisdiction, territory, or property that are indispensably necessary for the protection and security of the United States and the entire Western Hemisphere.

### STRIP MINING

#### Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS, strip mining of coal is essential to the production of energy at minimum cost for the operation of the industrial economy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the increased use of coal is to be encouraged, rather than discouraged, if dependence upon foreign oil is to be diminished; and

WHEREAS, strip mining of coal is a matter involving the private use of property and any legislation in regard to same is solely within the constitutional authority of the States, and is clearly beyond the power given to the Congress by the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, there is pending in the U.S. Congress one or more strip mining bills which will severely curtail the production of coal and will be destructive to the industrial base of the Nation;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution opposes any attempt by the U.S. Congress to legislate in the area of strip mining beyond its constitutional authority, and in derogation of the constitutional power of the States.

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has arrogated to itself dictatorial and virtually unappealable powers heretofore unthought of directly affecting the lives of each citizen and the development of each community in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, its abuses of power are legion, extending to land use planning, the attempted paralyzing of the development of cities and

communities, the closing of factories resulting in increased unemployment, and the virtual assumption of total power over local governments and businesses to the detriment of the economic life of the Nation;

NOW THEREFORE, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution urges its members to express to their members of Congress their opposition to the excesses of this uncontrolled administrative agency to the end that suitable legislation be enacted for the control of the E.P.A.

### REPUBLIC OF CHINA

#### Resolution No. 4

WHEREAS, Republic of China on Taiwan is a traditional and proven friend of the United States which asks nothing of this Nation but the honoring of treaty commitments; and

WHEREAS, in recent year overtures have been made by the United States Government to Communist China which demands, as a condition to the further development of diplomatic relations, the breach or rupture of the ties between the United States and the Republic of China; and

WHEREAS, such repudiation of the Republic of China as a quid pro quo would be a cynical and treacherous treatment of one of the few remaining dependable friends of the United States in the world;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution opposes any such betrayal of the Republic of China in the future as a condition to developing closer relations with the Communist government of mainland China.

### WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN FORCES FROM KOREA

#### Resolution No. 5

WHEREAS, The President has indicated his intention to withdraw U.S. forces from Korea during the next few years; and

WHEREAS, North Korea continues to indicate its undeviating intention to "unify" all of Korea under its rule; and

WHEREAS, the United States has, only two years ago, witnessed the disastrous results of withdrawal of its forces from a similar involvement in South Vietnam when the U.S. Congress determined to terminate its support of allied non-communist native forces; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of the American Revolution commend General Singlaub for his courageous stand and risking his professional career, in order to alert the American people to the danger of withdrawing American Troops from Korea.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution opposes any withdrawal of American forces from South Korea without approval by the Congress coupled with adequate assurance by the Congress of continued logistic support of allied forces after American withdrawal, insofar as it is constitutionally possible for Congress to make such commitment.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE

#### Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Defense, has recommended a reduction in the budget for the Department of Defense; and the size of the defense budget is important to every American because it is directly related to the security and wellbeing of the nation; and

WHEREAS, total government expenditures have increased by 224%; and defense costs have risen by only 68%.

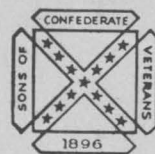
WHEREAS, the American people have the national will and determination to continue to support a defense budget which will enable us to maintain our political, strategic and tactical programs; and

WHEREAS, numerous opinion polls have established that the American people support a defense budget that will make our armed forces superior to those of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution urges its members to express their support of an adequate national defense budget by a decrease in non-defense spending and an increase in total defense spending, and their support for the following program: (1) the Trident sub-

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## BILINGUAL BALLOTS

### Resolution No. 7

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has recently enacted legislation requiring bilingual ballots and bilingual voters information be printed in Counties, Cities and Districts where 3% of the population have minority surnames; and

WHEREAS, very few voters have used the bilingual ballots in the various counties where such ballots have been prepared at enormous expense; and

WHEREAS, the English language is the language of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, it has most after been a mark of pride for immigrants to learn English; and

WHEREAS, almost all immigrants to the United States have mastered the English language and become good American citizens; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of the United States should be encouraged to become literate in English in the best interests of the American Heritage; and

WHEREAS, the preparation of bilingual ballots greatly increases the cost of elections;

WHEREAS, the state governments are more sensitive to the needs of their varied constituents.

NOW THEREFORE, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution urges its members to express their opinion to their Congressman and their Senators that Congress should repeal the bilingual ballot legislation and require ballots and voting information to be printed in English.

## COERCIVE CORRUPTION OF FEDERAL SYSTEM

### Resolution No. 8

WHEREAS, in recent years the Congress has established a regular pattern of circumventing the clear purpose, effect and meaning of the Constitution of the United States by coercive provisions in acts of Congress in many areas which allow or require the Federal bureaucracy to withhold Federal funds from States that do not enact legislation to suit the notions of the Congress or of the Federal bureaucracy; and

WHEREAS, such acts of Congress, and regulations blatantly attempt to accomplish by indirection that which is beyond the constitutional authority of the Congress; and

WHEREAS, such coercive provisions of Congressional acts are deliberately designed to preempt effectively the power and authority of the States to legislate in fields specifically reserved to the States by the Constitution by illegal use of public funds, such provisions being manifestly corrosive and destructive to the Federal system as established by the Constitution;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution condemns such trend and practice by the Congress and urges its members as individuals to make their voices known to their Congressman and Senators to the end that such coercive provisions be removed from all acts of Congress now containing the same, and that future acts of Congress contain a criminal penalty proscribing any withholding of Federal funds from a State which does not enact certain specific legislation required by the Congress, or comply with certain "guidelines" devised by non-elected Federal administrators; and that further to insure that such dissolute practices by the Congress cease the enactment is urged of the following:

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The Congress shall enact no law which, directly or indirectly, allows, permits or requires the award of tax funds of the United States to, or the withholding of such funds from, local or State governments conditioned upon the enactment by such governments of any particular type of legislation.

It is the sense of this Amendment that the Congress is prohibited from accomplishing indirectly through the coercive force of Federal grants to local governments what it can not accomplish directly by legitimate Constitutional legislation.

The Congress shall enact appropriate legislation establishing a criminal penalty for acts inconsistent with the foregoing on the part of any individual in any bureau or administrative agency of the Fed-



Delegates and guests at the 87th Annual Congress.

eral Government having to do with the administration or spending of funds of the United States.

## ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION

### Resolution No. 9

WHEREAS, the integrity of the ballot is essential to the success and survival of popular based representative governments; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of the Carter administration to enact legislation which would allow the registration of voters at the polls on election day without any assurance or opportunity to ascertain whether such individual is a qualified voter in the precinct in which he attempts to register himself; and

WHEREAS, for all practical purposes an election result cannot be changed after the election regardless of the amount of vote fraud that is subsequently revealed; and

WHEREAS, election day registration is an open invitation to fraud, the stealing of elections, and the corruption of the election process;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution opposes any legislation that would allow the registration of voters on election day, and urges its members to express their opposition to such legislation to their Congressman and their Senators.

## COURTESY RESOLUTION

### Resolution No. 10

WHEREAS, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recognizes that its 87th Annual Congress has been successful in every respect; and

WHEREAS, that success has resulted from the efforts of those who planned and implemented the program for the National Congress;

RESOLVED by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution that it hereby expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to:

1. The President General for his able and dynamic leadership.
2. The Officers, Chairmen and Members of their Committees.
3. The Executive Secretary and the loyal Headquarters staff for their constant and effective efforts in providing for an efficient operation.
4. The speaker, Governor Meldrim Thomson, Governor of the State of New Hampshire.
5. Mr. Ronald Baymiller, the State Chairman of the Congress Committee, the officers and members of the Wisconsin Society for their contribution to a successful 87th Annual Congress, the chairmen of the various arrangement committees, the gracious ladies and to all individuals who contributed to the success of this Congress.
6. The management and staff of the Pfister Hotel for their many services and courtesies.
7. Mr. Harold Brier, the Chief of Police of the City of Milwaukee for his invaluable assistance and protection.
8. Past President General Charles Anderson, M.D. for bringing the rare and valuable collection of historical flags from Ohio, and setting them up for display.
9. Mrs. Carrie Richardson for her beautiful singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

## The Padre Says...

The Reverend **SAMUEL J. HOLT**  
Chaplain General

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

The Bicentennial Almanac" has two entries for September 19, 1777. First, "Congress once again flees from Philadelphia, this time to Lancaster, Pennsylvania." Second, "General Burgoyne is defeated at Freeman's Farm, near Saratoga, New York by Colonel Morgan and a captain at militia, Henry Dearborn."

If you had been asked to judge on September 20, 1777 which of these two items was the more important, what would have been your reply? Not being a serious chess player, it would seem like asking if the loss of the Queen's Bishop was less important than the taking of a pawn. How could you compare the loss of the capital to a backwood's engagement?

Yet in one day less than eight months, the British were to depart from Philadelphia, while in just less than a month Burgoyne was to surrender his army at Saratoga. The news of that surrender was to rock Europe and give an enormous boost to the American cause. It resulted in a treaty with the French who were followed by Spain and Holland to support the Revolution and involve England in a war.

But Saratoga was no magic wand that brought victory overnight to the American forces. The winter that followed at Valley Forge was an experience that almost destroyed our cause. There was not only the suffering of the men in their inadequate quarters, but a demoralization of the entire revolutionary effort. Troops mutinied and deserted due to the lack of food, shelter and pay. Their families were suffering back home. The Americans had only worthless continental paper money to compete with British gold for food and supplies. When Washington ordered the farmers within seventy miles to thrash out half of their grain by February 1 and all by March 1 or have it seized as straw, the farmers burned it. Washington wrote, "Idleness, dissipation, and extravagance seemed to have laid hold of most; speculation, peculation and an insatiate thirst for riches have got the better of every other consideration and almost every order of men."

Washington himself did not escape envenomed personal attack. Congress was as exacting as it has ever been and gave little heed to his wishes. Benedict Arnold, though entitled to promotion for his brilliant services, and recommended by his commander-in-chief, was passed over, while Gates was appointed adjutant-general without consulting Washington, and the commissary department reorganized against his strongly expressed opposition. Gates reported to Congress instead of to Washington as was his duty. Finally a cabal was organized to displace Washington and place Gates at the head of the army. John Adams wrote, "I am wearied to death by wrangles between military officers, high and low. They quarrel like cats and dogs." What faith or hope did these events evoke?

There was beginning to arrive help from abroad. There was Lafayette and other foreign officers. Among these, there was Baron von Steuben, the Prussian drill master who was to provide discipline to the individualism of the frontiersmen. There was a promise in the trained leadership that begin to arrive that the troops which survived Valley Forge would make a conquering army.

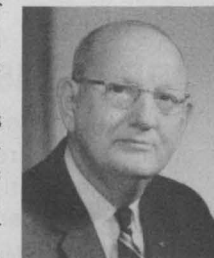


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Faith is never built only out a series of affirmatives. It is born in a mixture of events. From its first squalling moment, it is faced with negatives that would destroy it. It survives where men and women are willing to sacrifice their lives if need be for its continued existence. Certainly, our day is a mixture of good and evil, of defeats and victories. But faith is more than any of these, and in the end it shapes the future. It is the "substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

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He attended the public schools of his native county; received his B.S. Degree from William and Mary College and the M.D. Degree from Medical College of Virginia. After a two year internship and postgraduate work in New York and Chicago he located in his native county for the practice of family medicine, diligently serving the people.

Doctor Porter married Miss Virginia Lee McMillan, a native of North Carolina, who presented him with two daughters—now, Patricia Anne Newbern and Suzanne Lee Burow. The Porters have four grandchildren.

A member of his county, regional, State, Southern, and American Medical Societies and Associations, serving as President of the Southwestern Virginia Medical Society and as Councilor, Chairman of Finance and Parliamentarian to the House of Delegates of the Virginia State Society for many years. He is a member of eight Greek Letter Professional, Honorary and research fraternities.

Prior to World War II, Captin Porter served in the Medical Corps of the United States, Army, being relieved of duty for medical disability. He served as Medical Advisor to his local Selective Service Board from its inception to its demise.

Doctor Porter is a member and Elder and a past Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.

Active in community affairs, he is a charter member and twice past president of the Hillsville Rotary Club; member of Board of Directors of Carroll County Bank and its successors since 1935, now Chairman; President of this bank for ten years; advisor to local chapters of Cancer Society, Polio Foundation, Civil Defense; mental health; Boy Scouts of America, and others.

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## SAR LOSES A FOLK HERO

Compatriot Harry Lillis "Bing" Crosby of Los Angeles, California, died October 14, 1977, in Madrid, Spain. He was a member of the Spokane Chapter and the Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, having been a descendant of Private Chillingsworth Foster of Captain Benjamin Berry's Company of Harwich Militia, Major Zenas Winslow's Regt., of Mass. (National number 103312, State Number 1363).

Compatriot Crosby was born in Tacoma, Washington, May 2, 1903. When he was two years old, his family moved to Spokane, Washington, where Bing was raised and went to school. He attended Gonzaga University in Spokane. In 1925, he went to Hollywood and became one of the best known and most beloved entertainers in the world.

Compatriot Crosby is survived by his wife Kathryn; six sons Gary, Dennis, Phillip, Lindsay, Harry, and Nathaniel; and one daughter Mary Frances.

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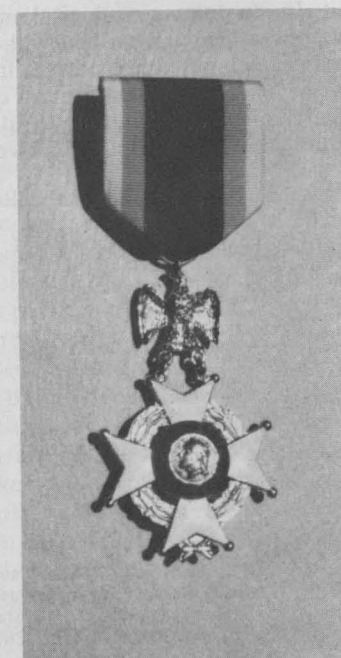
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## MAINE COMPILES A FINE INDEX

As a Bicentennial project, the Maine Old Cemetery Association has collected information on more than 6,000 veterans of the American Revolution in Maine. This material has now been indexed and deposited at Fogler Library, University of Maine, Orono.

In 1973 MOCA started planning a project listing all the known graves of Revolutionary veterans in the state. An earlier list showed 1,678 such graves in Maine. This new project has turned up records of more than 7,000 veterans of the American Revolution living in Maine at one time or another. Many came after the war to settle on Bounty Lands or on other tracts of newly opened areas. Once here, they stayed; their burial places scattered over Maine.

The results of four years of investigation and research by a committee representing all the counties of the state, assisted by well over 200 individuals and organizations, including the SAR, are now available for the public. The information has been computer-indexed as to birth, marriage, death, and location of grave (if known). Other details on the cards include some service records, with sources of information.

This list of graves of veterans of the American Revolution



The Patriot Medal was awarded at a joint meeting of the New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine Sons of the American Revolution to Alexander Hamilton by the Maine chapter in Concord. From left are Forrest F. Lange, New Hampshire President; Judge Wilson K. Barnes, National President General; Enoch W. Hunt, Maine President; Hamilton, who is National Librarian General of the SAR; and David Doliber, Vice-President General for New England.

in Maine is not fully complete—nor will it ever be. Some never were marked, even by field stones.

MOCA will continue to welcome further information from any source. Names and details can be added to the information now in the Fogler Library and to the computer index. It is hoped that everyone using the *Index of Revolutionary Veterans Buried in Maine* will make notes of any errors and omissions, to be included in a revision in 1978. Simple directions for reporting such information are provided for those using, or even just looking at, the *Index*, copies of which are available also at Cutler Library (Farmington), Maine Historical Society (Portland), and Maine State Library (Augusta).

Those unable to consult the *Index* in person can request from the Special Collections Dept., Fogler Library, Orono, Maine 04473, a photocopy of the page(s) on which appears a specified surname (e.g., Scott). If they find a name on which they want further information, they can then request from the Fogler Library a photocopy of the note cards deposited there. A charge is made for the photocopying.

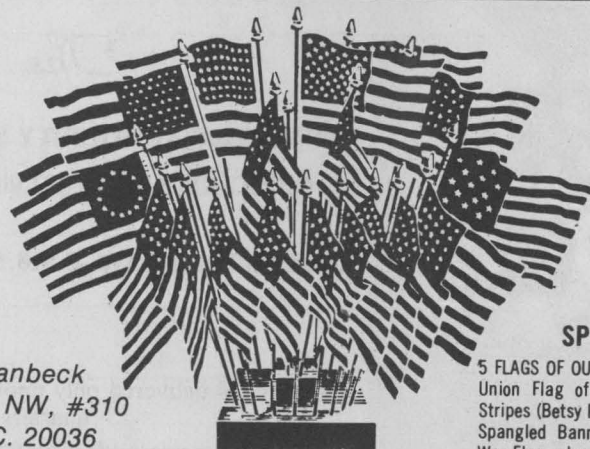
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Only three men are known to have received the "Badge of Merit" before the close of the American Revolution. Following these awards, the practice was forgotten for nearly a century and a half. The granting of the honor was revived commemoratively as a tribute to Washington on the bicentennial of his birth, February 22, 1932.

The first known recipient of the Badge of Merit was a Connecticut man, a sergeant in the Second Regiment of Light Dragoons, named Elijah Churchill. He was cited for "several enterprises against Fort St. George and Fort Slongo on Long Island...." He left no transcript of his military exploits but there are several stories of the twin assaults. Churchill's colorful commanding officer, Maj. Benjamin Tallmadge, gives perhaps the most reliable account.

The Manor of St. George, near Mastic Beach, Long Island, had been taken over by the British and was manned by a redcoat detachment and a force of loyalist Rhode Islanders. It was well stocked with arms, dry goods, and food supplies. Determined to "annoy the enemy on Long Island," Tallmadge received Washington's approval to attack the new fort. The major chose November 21, 1780 for his mission, and

along with Churchill and 100 dismounted dragoons, he crossed Long Island Sound. The marchers were slowed down by rain, but by daybreak, November 23, they were in an attack position.

Tallmadge managed to march his group within forty yards of the main sally port before a sentry spotted them. The sentinel's challenge and opening shot became the signal for simultaneous attacks on all three sides of the triangular fort. Tallmadge wrote that before the smoke from the Britisher's musket had cleared, his sergeant (who may well have been Elijah Churchill) had reached the redcoat with his bayonet "and prostrated him."

Just at the point when the Americans were hauling down the union jack, a volley of musket fire poured out of a second-story window. The dragoons chopped their way into the building and threw the offenders out on their heads. Tallmadge had to stop the slaughter and turn the energies of his men to bringing the fort's cannon to bear on two offshore British schooners that were about to leave with the tide.

The successful reduction of Fort St. George moved Benjamin Tallmadge to "annoy" the British on Long Island again the following year. On the evening of Oct. 2, 1781 he assembled boats at the mouth of the Saugatuck River and sent two detachments under Maj. Lemuel Trescott and Sgt. Churchill across Long Island Sound. The object of this endeavor was Fort Slongo, a British outpost on Long Island's north shore. The fort was manned by British regulars and quartered a number of armed Tory woodcutters who lived in adjacent huts.

Maj. Trescott's men landed at 3 a.m.,

joined forces with Churchill's group, and quietly proceeded to filter up the ravine to just below the fort. The tactics used on the south shore were again successful. By early morning all the stored wood and Fort Slongo itself were a pillar of smoke. Twenty prisoners and a "handsome brass cannon" were carried off, along with arms and ammunition.

It would seem that bravery in the face of the enemy during the taking of one fort would have been ample grounds for special recognition of Sgt. Elijah Churchill, but this able noncommissioned officer was reported "at the head of the body of attack" in the capture of two.

The special board that General Washington had commissioned to select the Badge of Merit honors met April 24, 1783 to pick candidates for award. They chose Churchill, who had, according to the board, "acquitted himself with great gallantry, firmness and address." Later, probably on May 3, 1783, Sgt. Churchill was "invested with the badge of merit." He was casually requested to pick up the badge and an accompanying certificate at General Washington's headquarters in Newburgh.

That very first Purple Heart, presented by Washington to Churchill, was returned in 1961 by a descendant of Elijah Churchill and is displayed at the New Windsor Cantonment, a New York State historic site near Vails Gate, N.Y.

Editor's Note: The other two "Badge of Merit" recipients before the close of the American Revolution were Sgt. William Brown (1761-1808) and Sgt. Daniel Bissell (1754-1824).



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