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**Tuscaloosa Chapter** meets first Wednesday monthly year-round at the University Club. Call C. J. Williams, Sec. (205) 758-8333.

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**Phoenix Chapter** meets every Tues. noon at Phoenix Press Club in Valley Bank Center, Van Buren St. & Central Ave. For info. call L. D. Wilson, 994-8466.

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**San Diego Chapter.** Meet 3rd Sat., monthly, noon luncheon, Admiral Kidd club, Harbor Dr. Ph. Sec. 296-3595, (No meeting June, July & Dec).

**Santa Barbara Chapter,** Noon luncheon meeting at University Club, 1332 Santa Barbara St. on first Monday of every month but ph. Treas. 966-7008 for confirmation of date.

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**Boca-Deerfield Chapter.** Luncheon meetings 11:30 a.m. 3rd Wednesday monthly at L'Hexagone Restaurant, 1600 North Federal Highway, Boca Raton, Florida. Phone Treasurer John Hoffstot: AC305 395-0195.

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**Central Florida Chapter,** Orlando. Luncheon 11:45 a.m., 2nd Sat. except June, July & Aug. at Officer's Club Naval Training Center. Wives invited. Ph. Cecil Bothwell, 841-2827.

**Clearwater Chapter.** Luncheon or dinner meet-

ing the first Thursday each month except June, July, August. All SARs and their ladies welcome. For time, place, reservations, call Treasurer Edward Bryant, 446-7335.

**DeLand Chapter.** Luncheon meetings 11:45 a.m., 2nd Mon. monthly. Call 736-0567 for location.

**Miami Chapter.** Monthly meetings except July, September and February, are held on the Fourth Friday at Noon at the University of Miami Faculty Club, 1550 Brescia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33124. Special observance Washington's Birthday (Feb.), 4th of July, Constitution Week (Sept.) and Veteran's Day (Nov.). Visiting SARs and Ladies welcome. Call LTC Frederick R. Snyder, Jr. (305) 261-4542 or 666-4528.

**Naples Chapter** meets at 11:45 a.m., 2nd Monday monthly, at Hospitality House Cafeteria, 2355 No. Tamiami Trail, Naples. Unstructured meetings during June, July, August, and Sept. For information call President John Taylor (774-5246) or Secretary Don Dilworth (394-3736).

**Ocala Chapter.** Generally 3rd Tues., 11:45 a.m. Rustic Inn, 754 N.E. 25th Ave., Ocala, Interstate 75 at State Rt. 40 exit. SAR's and their ladies welcome. Call Pres. William K. Holt, 694-5304.

**Palm Beach Chapter** meets 3rd Mon. except Feb, Jun, Jul, Aug, at Helen Wilkes Hotel 201 N. Flagler Dr., W. Palm Beach. In Feb., the annual Washington Birthday Banquet will be held at another location on or about Feb. 22nd. For info. call Pres. Gregory A. Parkinson (305) 588-3886.

**St. Petersburg Chapter.** Luncheon meetings 12 noon 2nd Sat. monthly except June, July & Aug. Special observance Washington's Birthday & Constitution Day. SAR's welcome. Phone 360-7884 or 898-7349.

**Saramana Chapter, Sarasota.** 366-3920.  
**Suncoast Chapter.** New Port Richey. Luncheon 12:00 noon 3rd Wed. monthly except June, July, August. Visiting SARs and ladies welcome. Call Pres. Ed Frazee (813) 934-0308, or Sec. Bob Rouse (813) 863-6768.

**Treasure Coast Chapter.** Meeting 3rd Saturday every month (except June, July, August and September) at Sheraton Hotel, 4700 North Highway A1A, Vero Beach, Florida 32960. (Telephone 305-231-1600) Social hour starts at noon. Meeting at 12:30. Compatriots, wives & guests welcome.

#### GEORGIA

**Atlanta Chapter** meets 12:00 noon 2nd Friday of each month, Terrace Garden Inn, 3405 Lenox Rd., NE. Special meetings Washington's B'day, 4th of July, Constitution Day, Veterans Day. For more information contact Sec. Lewie Dunn, P.O. Box 31, Fairburn, GA 30213, Tel. No. (404) 964-8565. While you are in the Atlanta area visit the GA Society Headquarters and Research Center located in the Old Campbell County Courthouse corner of E. Broad and Cole Streets, Fairburn, 15 mins south of the Atlanta Airport off I-85 EXIT 12, 1 mile West to E. Broad on GA Hwy 74 then 6 blocks north on E. Broad.

#### INDIANA

**Continental Chapter, Muncie.** Dinner meetings in February, June, September, and November. Group observance of USA APPRECIATION SUNDAY on 3rd Sunday each October. Call Secretary Jack K. Carmichael (317) 282-2475 for details.

#### LOUISIANA

**Louisiana Society.** Luncheon at Noon 2nd Thurs. monthly at the Pendennis Club, 115 University Pl., New Orleans.

**Galvez Chapter.** Luncheon at noon, 4th Tuesdays monthly at the University Club, 401 Market St., Shreveport. Except June, July, Aug., Dec.  
**Gen Philemon Thomas Chapter, Baton Rouge.** Noon, 1st Tues. monthly at the Bocage Racquet Club, 7600 Jefferson Hwy.

#### MARYLAND

**John Paul Jones Chapter, Annapolis,** Chapter House, 106 Cathedral Street, 263-5800 or 798-4531. Midshipmen sons of SAR's welcome.

#### MASSACHUSETTS

**Cape Cod Chapter** holds luncheon meeting on 4th Sat. at 12:00 noon. Cleaver Restaurant, Orleans, except Jun-Jul-Aug. Picnic in Aug. at Gray's Beach, Yarmouthport, for SARs & wives, DARs, CARs, and guests. Call 945-0190 or 394-1950 for advice.

#### MISSOURI

**Ozark Mountain Chapter, Springfield,** meet 3rd Sat. Monthly except Aug. Noon. Market Place Cafeteria 2633 N. Kansas. SARs, Wives, Guests. For information, Sec. Mike Kelly (417) 887-3073.

**John Woolard Chapter, Richmond** 64085, meets 2nd Thursday each month. Happy Hour 6-7. Dinner steak or prime rib. Country Place, Wollard Ave. 13 Hi-Way. For info call State President Charles Rainwater Wollard 816-776-8953.

#### NEBRASKA

**Nebraska Society** Annual Meeting February. Lincoln Chapter meets 2nd Tues., monthly. For info. telephone State Secy: (402) 466-2761.

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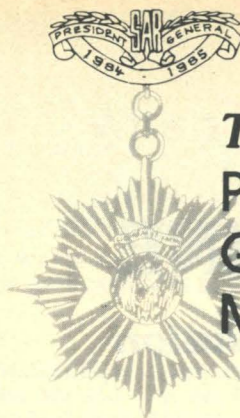
Prelude to the Miracle at Philadelphia

Go all to whom

these Powers shall come, we the under signed Delegates of the States affixed to our Names send greeting to the Delegates of the United States of America in Congress assembled did on the fifteenth day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy seven, and in the second Year of the Independence of America



league of friendship with each other, for their common defence, the security of their Liberties, and their mutual and general welfare, binding themselves to assist each other, against all force offered to, or attacks made upon



# The PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE...



When President General Bessent (left) visited the Virginia Society last February, Society President Kenneth C. King showed him the Mace of the House of Delegates at the State House in Richmond. Such a Mace may also be seen in the House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

Spring time is here which means the bugle is calling for all Compatriots and their ladies to assemble in Louisville for the 95th Annual Congress. Outstanding speakers, events, and entertainment are planned.

The work and accomplishments of all the national committees have had positive effects resulting in Society growth and influence. It is appreciated by the President General.

The efforts of the SAR have resulted in the scheduled issuance of a new George Washington postage stamp and the President General was privileged to unveil the design of the new stamp in Richmond, Virginia.

Generous gifts have been given to the Eagle Scout Fund, the Douglass G. High Historical Oration Fund, the Library Fund and the Computer Fund campaign. Many books on genealogy and American history have been presented to the library. Additional outstanding museum pieces have been given to the National Society.

The 2nd edition of the SAR History Book will be published in time to be available at the Annual Congress. Only 500 copies of the book will be printed.

The construction of the extension to the National Headquarters building is near completion. It will be named the Arthur and Berdena King Computer Center and will provide improved space utilization for the staff and house the National Society computer system. The Computer Center Dedication will be conducted during the 95th Annual Congress.

A new National Society award has been established. Only one "Distinguished Citizen Award" will be given annually to a notable personality in the form of a certificate by the President General with approval of the Executive Committee.

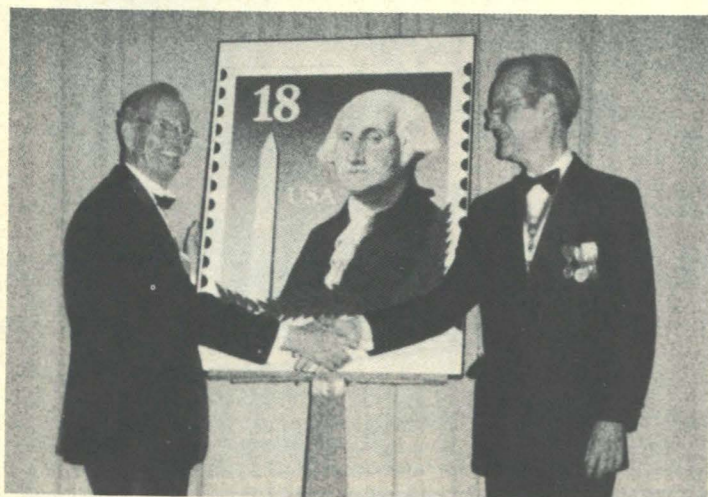
The National Society has improved at every organizational level during the past year. Again, as always, it is necessary to stress the importance of retaining current members and enlisting new members.

As this President General returns to the ranks, I am confident you will accord succeeding Presidents General the same degree of loyal support. I sincerely thank you each for all your assistance.

Fraternally,

*Carl F. Bessent*

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President General



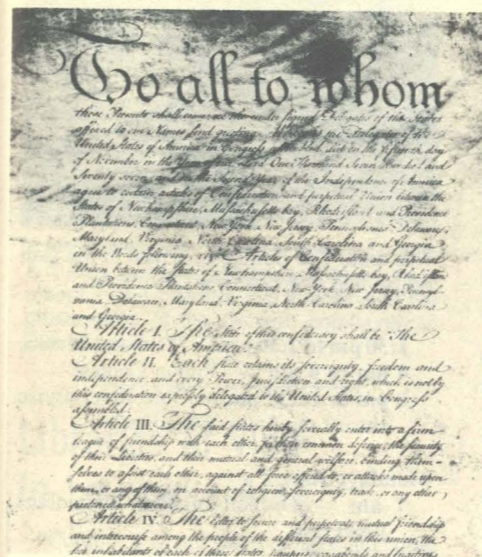
The new 18¢ George Washington stamp was unveiled in February by President General Bessent (left) and Conrad P. Mook, Chairman of the U. S. Stamps Committee. For details see news story elsewhere in this issue.



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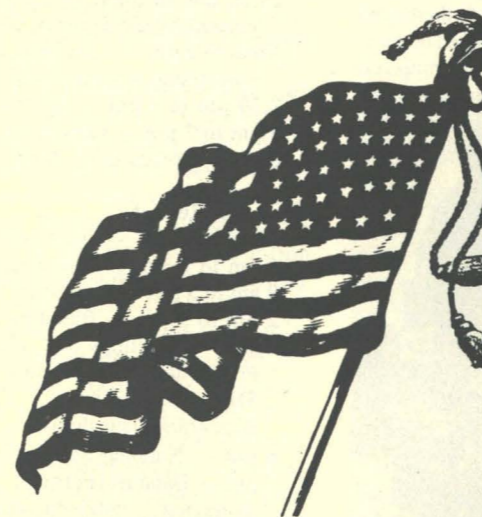
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# NATIONAL NEWSLINE



## Full Congress Schedule Revealed; Trustees Meeting Set for Saturday

Col. Robert C. Jobson, Arrangements Committee Chairman for the 95th Annual Congress in Louisville, has announced that the Trustees meeting normally held on the Sunday prior to a Congress has been moved to Saturday, June 1. It will be at National Headquarters, followed by a catered luncheon on the grounds — compliments of former President General Arthur M. King. At 1:30 p.m., the newly constructed Arthur and Berdena King Computer Center will be formally dedicated.

Another change involves substituting a trip to Churchill Downs with a viewing of the "Kentucky Show" on Wednesday afternoon at the Kentucky Theatre in downtown Louisville. Utilizing 40 slide projectors and a five-channel soundtrack, this unusual presentation is almost an hour long and centers on the state's distinct history and culture. A change in the schedule of races at the famous Downs mandated the program switch.

Subject to last-minute alterations, here's the Congress schedule:

### Friday, May 31

- 9 am to 5 pm — Registration
- 1 pm to 4 pm — Hospitality Room open

### Saturday, June 1

- 9 am to 5 pm — Registration
- 9 am to 5 pm — Hospitality Room open
- 10 am to noon — 1984-85 Trustees Meeting at NSSAR Headquarters
- Noon — Trustees Luncheon at NSSAR Headquarters
- 1:30 pm — Dedication of Arthur and Berdena King Computer Center at NSSAR Headquarters
- 6 pm to 7 pm — National Society Reception at Galt House

### Sunday, June 2

- 9 am to 5 pm — Registration
- 9 am to 5 pm — Hospitality Room open
- Noon to 3:30 pm — Douglass G. High Historical Oration Contest Brunch and Rehearsals
- 1 pm to 1:30 pm — Parade to the Cathedral of the Assumption



This area, The Belvidere, is next to the Galt House and overlooks the Ohio River.

- 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm — Memorial Service
- 4 pm to 6 pm — Oration Contest
- 8 pm to 11:30 pm — Ohio River cruise aboard the *Belle of Louisville*

### Monday, June 3

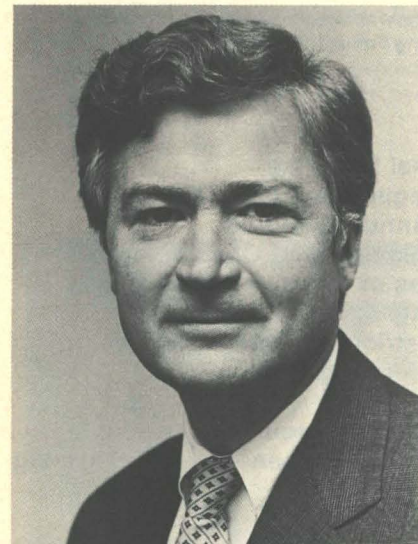
- 7 am — Council of State Presidents Breakfast
- 8 am to 5 pm — Registration
- 9 am to noon — Congress Opening Session
- 9 am to 5 pm — Hospitality Room open
- 10:30 am to noon — Ladies Program planned by the Surgeon General
- Noon to 2 pm — Luncheon; Eagle Scout Scholarship Award; Guest Speaker
- 2:30 pm to 5 pm — Second Session
- 6 pm to 7 pm — Candidates Reception
- 8 pm — Recognition Night

### Tuesday, June 4

- 9 am to noon — Third Session
- 9 am to noon — Final Registration
- 9 am to 5 pm — Hospitality Room open
- 2 pm to 5 pm — Balloting begins
- 2 pm — Meetings of Council of State Presidents, Vice-Presidents General, State Secretaries and State Registrars/Genealogists
- 6 pm — National Society Reception
- 7 pm — Banquet (Formal); "Flags Over America" Patriotic presentation; Guest Speaker

### Wednesday, June 5

- 9 am to 11 am — Final balloting
- 9 am to 11 am — Final Session
- 9 am to 1:30 p.m. — Hospitality Room open
- 11 am — 1985-86 Trustees Meeting
- 1 pm — "The Kentucky Show"
- 6 pm to 7 pm — National Society Reception
- 7 pm — Banquet (Formal); Installation of 1985-86 Officers; Address by the newly elected President General



Two outstanding speakers will address the Congress. Arthur M. Scuto, Jr. (left) will share a businessman's view of the Federal bureaucracy and report on the current status of nearly 2,500 recommendations made by the Grace Commission. Senior Vice President of PaineWebber, Inc., he led the Commission's Task Force that studied the Foreign Affairs portion of the Federal Budget. Roger W. Jepsen (right), former United States Senator representing Iowa, was recently named Director of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. He will relate plans being formulated by the government to commemorate the Constitution's 200th anniversary, a subject of vital interest to all members of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Commission, which was established by the Senate and House of Representatives, will eventually consist of 23 prominent members.

Free shuttle bus service will be provided between the hotel and Headquarters on Saturday and Monday through Wednesday. Merchandise will be for sale near the registration desk, while the Executive Secretary and staff will be in the Anchor Room.



A fascinating place to visit is Bakery Square. A cluster of specialty shops and boutiques in a century-old building, it is indicative of the preservation of the German community in Butchertown.

## Libraries to Visit In Louisville Area

Compatriots and their spouses attending the 95th Annual Congress will have an opportunity to do genealogical and/or historical research at several outstanding facilities in the Louisville area. John W. Moore, Chairman of the National Society's Library Advisory Committee, offers the following notes of interest:

The Library at Headquarters will be open as follows: Saturday, June 1, 9 am to 4 pm; Sunday, June 2, 9 am to noon; remainder of Congress days, 8 am to 4 pm. It is normally open noon to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

Two other libraries are located within three blocks of Headquarters. The Filson Club, an organization devoted to the study of Kentucky history, is at 118 W. Breckenbridge; its library is open to the public from 9 am to noon on Saturday and 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. The Louisville Free Public Library, in the 700 block of South Fourth Street, includes the Kentucky Room on the first floor and the Genealogy Room on the second floor; both will be open from 9 am to 9 pm, Monday through Thursday and 9 am to 5 pm, Friday and Saturday.

The Genealogists Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is at 1000 Hurstbourne Lane, about six miles east of the downtown area. It is open 11 am to 3 pm and 6:30 to 9:30 pm, Tuesday through Thursday.

Excellent collections of Indiana material are just north of the Ohio River, at the Floyd County Public Library, 180 W. Spring Street, New Albany, and Clark County's public library, 211 E. Court Avenue, Jeffersonville. Their hours are about the same as those of the Louisville Public Library.

## Varied Activities for Ladies

A diversity of Ladies programs is being coordinated by Mrs. Elizabeth Gist, Ladies Activities Chairwoman, and Mrs. Mary Ann Stokes, Hospitality Chairwoman. As Congress Pre-Registrations arrive in Louisville, they are sending out return forms on which ladies are being asked to indicate their interest in joining various tours. Some are included in the pre-registration fee; others are at a nominal charge.

**Saturday, June 1** — Tour of famous Cave Hill Cemetery, which features five lakes on 300 acres, an arboretum, waterfowl, ornate monuments and grave sites of General George Rogers Clark and Colonel Harlan Sanders. No charge. Transportation furnished by wives of Kentucky Society Compatriots.

**Monday, June 3** — Slide show by Lynn Reneau, Curator of the Filson Club Museum.

Walking tour of two architectural treasures: the old Actors Theater, formerly a bank (no charge); the new Kentucky Theater for the Arts, site of the 1984 presidential debates (75¢ charge).

**Tuesday, June 4** — Bus trip to the former home of President Zachary Taylor and a Shelby County horse farm. Lunch at the historic Old Stone Inn. Visit to Wakefield-Scarce Galleries in Shelbyville. Charge includes transportation and luncheon.

**Wednesday, June 5** — Bus trip to visit the new museum at Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. Lunch at the Tack Room Restaurant. Charge includes transportation and luncheon. No-charge bus trip to view "The Kentucky Show" (details about this presentation are elsewhere in the accompanying Congress article).

## New George Washington Stamp Coming

United States stamps bearing a likeness of George Washington will soon be back in circulation, thanks to a major extent to the efforts of the NSSAR U.S. Stamps Committee chaired ably by Conrad P. Mook, VASAR.

The design of the multicolor stamp was unveiled during a February meeting of the Virginia Society in Richmond. President General Carl F. Bessent and Jerry K. Lee, Sr., Senior Assistant Postmaster General, were on hand for the historic event. Mr. Lee is responsible for establishing, directing and controlling the complex financial management operations of the Postal Service. He spoke about Washington in prepared remarks.

The denomination of the new stamp is 18 cents and will be used by bulk mailers, which presort their first-class mail and get a break on the price.

The Washington portrait is based primarily on the well-known Gilbert Stuart painting employed on stamps as far back as 1851. Framing the portrait along the bottom and halfway up the right side are olive branches. The Washington monument is at the left.

When Compatriot Mook learned last year that the only stamp then bearing a likeness of Washington was to be discontinued at the end of May, he began a massive protest campaign. His program included having a Resolution passed at the Annual Congress in June at Cincinnati asking the Postmaster General to issue a new Washington stamp. This was sent to PMG Bolger along with a letter from PG Bessent.

A campaign of more letters and phone calls brought positive results in December when Compatriot Mook was notified by the Postal Service that a Washington stamp would be issued in 1985, a full year earlier than originally planned. Following this, the unveiling program was worked out.



This handsome new stamp will soon be seen by millions of Americans. The NSSAR U.S. Stamps Committee is to be commended for its program of action that caused this stamp to be issued months ahead of time. (Design copyrighted by the U.S. Postal Service. All rights reserved.)



The design of the new Washington stamp was unveiled by President General Carl F. Bessent (right) and Senior Assistant Postmaster General Jerry K. Lee, Jr.

## Georgia Eagle Scout Wins Scholarship

When the Boy Scout Committee met at National Headquarters prior to the March 2 Trustees gathering, members selected the winner of the \$2,000 scholarship: Eagle Scout Robert C. C. McCulloch of Georgia. One of 33 State Society contestants, he will be honored at the upcoming 95th Annual Congress. Then during the Trustees meeting, Eagle Scout Frederick A. Thurmond was on hand to receive his SAR membership certificate. He was last year's winner.

The scholarship program is funded by earnings from a trust fund consisting of contributions made by individual SARs, State Societies, Chapters, foundations and friends of the SAR. Since the Fall 1984 issue of the magazine was published, the following donations were received through mid-March for a total of nearly \$6,000:

**Donor** (to \$49): DAR Cincinnati Chapter, OH; DAR Hannah Goddard Chapter, MA; Joe E. Baker, Jr., TX; Robert W. Dhonau, AR; Don D. Waller, TX.

**Booster** (\$50 to \$99): James R. Westlake, GA; West Virginia Society.

**Pacesetter** (\$100 to \$499): Fred A. Ryle, Sr., TX; Frederick R. Snyder, Jr., FL; G. Arthur Luther, AR; Col. James R. Calhoun, AZ; John R. Naisby, Jr., NJ; Robert A. Ragland, TN; Howard E. Coe, MA; Lt. Gen. John M. Wright, Jr., TX; District of Columbia Society; Paul K. Brown, PA; Mrs. Robert C. Tumeey, TX; T. H. Barber, CO; Kentucky Society; Dr. Homer E. Wright,



Eagle Scout Frederick A. Thurmond was presented his SAR membership certificate by Kentucky Society President William C. Gist, Jr., during the March 2 Trustees meeting. Compatriot Thurmond won the \$2,000 scholarship last year in competition with other Scouts selected by State Societies. Observing were (from left): Robert E. Burt, Boy Scout Committee Chairman; Dr. Charles S. Herrick, who was President of the James Duncan Chapter, Bowling Green, Kentucky, when Compatriot Thurmond was selected as its entry in the state competition; and President General Carl F. Bessent.

**GA.**  
**Patron** (\$500 to \$999): Grahame T. Smallwood, UT; Paul M. Niebell, MD.

**Benefactor** (\$1000 to \$4,999): Paul Carington Chapter, TXSAR; LTC Clifford J. Pohl, Jr., OH.



**MEET THE NATIONAL SOCIETY STAFF** — When Compatriots and their guests visit our Headquarters in Louisville, these able men and women stand ready to help out in any way they can! Take time to get acquainted with each one: (seated, from left) Nona Preher, Registrar (registers new members and processes member records, such as supplementals, transfers, deceased and dropped); John C. Davis III, Executive Secretary (administers all activities at Headquarters); Ruth Dietrich, Genealogist (verifies all new member and supplemental applications and responds to genealogical questions); (standing, from left) Eugene J. Krebs, Merchandise Manager and Building Manager; Marguerite Irwin, General Bookkeeper/Accountant; Joyce Adams (assists Nona Preher); Nancy M. Patterson, Secretary to the Executive Secretary and President General; and Laurie A. Wolberton, Word Processing Secretary.



At the Miami Chapter's Annual Banquet in February, Eagle Scout David Schuette was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal by President General Carl F. Bessent, while Chapter Eagle Scout Chairman William M. Jones observed at the right. David went on to capture first place in the Florida Society competition.



Eagle Scout Darren P. Timothy was proud to receive the Bronze Eagle Trophy from Arizona Society President John A. Williams at the group's Annual Meeting. He competed against several other entrants from around the state.

## Student Persists, Faculty Concedes

If any young person is eligible for a Certificate of Appreciation, Miss Vivian Moran has to be one of them!

The youngest member of the California Society's Ladies Auxiliary and a member of the Sun Valley Junior High School's Student Council, Miss Moran discovered that the school did not plan any commemoration of Washington's Birthday this year — except to close on February 18, President's Day. She could not convince the Council that this was not enough.

She then petitioned the faculty, which finally conceded to her wishes. On the 22nd, the first President's actual birthday, she delivered a short biographical speech to the entire student body of 1,500 over the public address system. She stressed why the birthday should be remembered.

Her initiative and determination was recognized by the local San Fernando Valley Chapter of the California Society. At a meeting on February 25, Miss Moran was presented the certificate she deserved by President George Van Dorn.

## Genealogy Classes Set

Salt Lake City will be the site of the 1985 Annual Conference of the National Genealogical Society. Many genealogists are expected to attend the four-day event scheduled for August 6-9 in the Salt Palace Convention Center.

Local host for the conference is the Utah Genealogical Association. Cooperating organizations are the Genealogical Library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Brigham Young University's Family and Local History Department.

The conference, theme "A Genealogy for All People," will feature classes for a broad public spectrum from novice to professional. The program will include classes on research sources in the Americas, Britain and Europe, family history, computers and genealogy, genealogical librarianship, professional genealogy, and special presentations.

For additional information and registration materials, write to: NGS Conference, P.O. Box 1053, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110.

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## Commemoration of Constitution Begins

With this issue of *The SAR Magazine*, the National Society is officially launching an extensive program aimed at commemorating the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution in 1987.

The attention of readers is directed to the two major feature articles about the Constitution beginning on pages 12 and 16. Similar historical and interpretive features will appear in future issues. Compatriots with special interests in the Constitution are invited to submit manuscript suggestions to the Editor.

Magazines in the coming months will also report what the National Society and other organizations are planning in commemorative activities during the period leading up to September 17, 1987 (and beyond) — to help facilitate observances by State Societies and Chapters. Compatriots should keep in mind that the 97th Annual Congress will be held in 1987 in the city where it all happened: Philadelphia!

## Celebration of Historic Days Urged

By James L. Meyer, Member, National Historic Celebrations Committee

In an effort to reawaken in the hearts of all Compatriots an ever-increasing love for our country, the Historic Celebrations Committee has designated six historic days for observance of our heritage: **Washington's Birthday**, February 22; **Memorial Day**, May 30 (variable); **Independence Day**, July 4; **Allegiance Sunday**, the Sunday closest to July 4; **Constitution Week**, September 17 through 23; and **Veterans Day**, November 11. Days of local historical importance should also be observed.

How can we best proclaim our patriotic feelings on these special occasions? First, on an individual basis, a greater knowledge of the history and significance of the day at hand is most important. From this root, family discussions can proceed. These sessions need not be limited to children and grandchildren; friends and associates can also profit from a few well-chosen words. At the Chapter and State Society levels, appointments of strong committee chairmen and support for them are vital. In addition, indi-

vidual action and involvement by the leaders is essential.

In this endeavor, quantity is quality. One celebration at the national level cannot begin to equal one in each of the State Societies. In many Societies where there are several Chapters, observances by most, if not all, of the Chapters will exceed the value of a single state-level event.

While the ways of celebration are limited only by the imagination, many of the following are in the tried and true category: banquets, speakers, joint meetings with the DAR and others, awards, publicity, printed programs, parades, floats, picnics with the C.A.R., exhibits and ceremonies.

Five of the historic days are well known, although Allegiance Sunday may be a completely new effort. It is, at the very least, a church service with a patriotic theme followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the congregation. It is an SAR event which can and should be expanded to every pulpit.



**CAN THIS BE A RECORD?** — During 1984 Compatriot George F. Roberts submitted applications for seven sons all at once. They were subsequently accepted for membership in the Oregon Society. The whole family is shown here at a reunion: (from left) David, Elsie (mother), George (father) and John; (from left, standing) Michael, Robert, Joseph, Charles and George. Anyone who has done better than this is asked to contact the Editor.

## Gifts to Society Range From Books To Painting, Chair and State Seals

Gifts to the National Society continue to arrive from Compatriots and friends of the SAR! Many of them were presented at the beginning of the March 2 meeting of the Trustees. Those not illustrated in the accompanying photos included: genealogy

and history books from the Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland and Tennessee Societies; handsome portrait of Archibald Wood, one of the Virginians who signed the Constitution, from Edward W. Hunt, NH-SAR; and contributions to various funds.



A Seal of the State of Delaware was presented by President Donn D. Devine (left photo). At the right President General Carl F. Bessent accepted a 13-star Flag from Vice-President General Grafton Duvall, Jr., of the Pennsylvania Society. He requested that it be flown outside Headquarters on Flag Day and Independence Day.



Shown at the left is a Seal of the Commonwealth of Kentucky being presented to President General Carl F. Bessent (left) by Kentucky Society President William C. Gist, Jr. Carved from wood, it was the gift of Mrs. Martin F. Thompson, Kentucky DAR State Vice Regent. On the right a Seal of the State of Nebraska was offered by Kansas Society Trustee Royce N. Kent. It had been painted and fired by Mrs. Wallace G. Quest, wife of the Society President.



On behalf of the Illinois Society, President Burton L. Showers (left) presented a painting of General Henry Dearborn to President General Carl F. Bessent and Museum Board Chairman James A. Williams.



Sidney T. Telford, Vice-President General for the Foreign District, gave a guide to discovering Scottish ancestors.



Illinois Compatriot William H. Diller, Jr., was proud to donate this Windsor arm chair that belonged to his Revolutionary War ancestor.



Louisiana Society Alternate Trustee Edward O. Cailleteau presented a copy of the address given by Marquis de Cassamena on the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Baton Rouge, which was fought on September 21, 1779. The marquis was the Spanish Consul General at New Orleans.



Wisconsin Society President William H. Roddis (right) turned over the key to this colonial door to Museum Board Chairman James A. Williams to symbolize completion of the installation of similar doors and casings throughout the Long Gallery at Headquarters. Compatriot Roddis heads the Hamilton Roddis Foundation, which funded the entire project. Note the handsome colonial box lock.



Located not far from Congress Headquarters, The Galt House, is the Louisville Galleria. This multi-use office and retail complex boasts 65 retail shops and restaurants — a "must" visit for Congress attendees.

## Last Opportunity Near To Pre-Register For the Annual Congress!

Many Compatriots have already pre-registered themselves and their guests for the Congress in Louisville June 1-5. They're smart! Registration at the door will be \$90.00. Fill in and send along the form below NOW. The deadline for receipt at National Headquarters is May 20. The fee includes the following:

- \* Three National Society Receptions
- \* Monday Luncheon
- \* Two Evening Banquets
- \* Cruise aboard the *Belle of Louisville*
- \* Viewing the "Kentucky Show"

Attention is invited to Congress details spelled out on page 4 of this issue of the magazine. Note the special programs for the ladies being planned.

### PRE-REGISTRATION FORM—Please print

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to the "Treasurer General, SAR" for the following:

- My registration of \$82.50     Guest(s) registration at \$82.50 each

Mail to NSSAR, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203.

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# NOMINATING COMMITTEE NATIONAL OFFICERS SELECTIONS FOR 1985-86

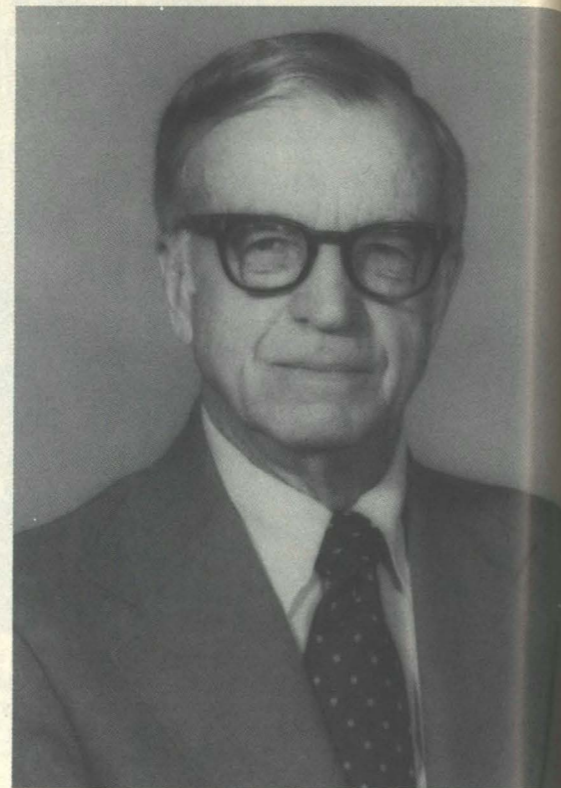
## **PRESIDENT GENERAL — Benjamin H. Morris**

Compatriot Morris is now concluding a term as Secretary General following two terms as Chancellor General. Prior to holding these prominent positions, he was Vice-President General for the Central District, National Trustee and President of the Kentucky Society and President of the Louisville-Thruston Chapter (which he joined in 1961).

He currently is serving as 95th Annual Congress Liaison Officer, a member of the Museum Board of Directors and on the following committees: Bylaws, DAR, Louisville Liaison, National Headquarters and Resolutions. He was Chairman of the Council of State Presidents in 1979 and was Chairman of the Headquarters Committee for five years.

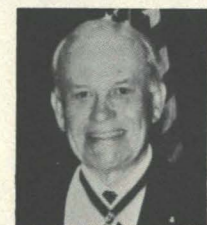
Compatriot Morris received his Juris Doctor from the Law School of the University of Louisville. During World War II, he was a pilot in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and England with the rank of Captain and was awarded the Air Medal and oak leaf cluster and other campaign decorations. He retired as a Colonel, U.S. Air Force Reserve in 1977.

After almost 31 years of service as corporate counsel for Brown-Forman Distillers Corporation, he retired in 1981 as Vice-President, Secretary and General Counsel.



## **SECRETARY GENERAL — Clovis H. Brakebill**

Now completing a second term as Treasurer General, Compatriot Brakebill is a Past President of the Dallas Chapter and the Texas Society. He has served four terms on the Executive Committee and is Chairman of the Finance Committee and a member of the Budget, Insurance and Magazine Advisory Committees. He is Vice-President and Senior Consultant for Tillinghast, Nelson & Warren, an international consulting and actuarial firm.



## **TREASURER GENERAL — Charles F. Printz, CPA**

Compatriot Printz is National Trustee and Past President of the West Virginia Society and the current President of the General Adam Stephen Chapter. He is serving as Chairman of the Computer Funding Committee and a member of the Computer Evaluation Committee. He has been chairman or member of several other committees. Compatriot Printz is a Partner in the firm of Charles F. Printz & Company, Certified Public Accountants.



## **REGISTRAR GENERAL — R. Wendell Lovering (Incumbent)**

A Past President of the Long Island Chapter and the Empire State Society, Compatriot Lovering is also a Past Vice-President General for the North Atlantic District. He currently is Chairman of the Insurance Committee and a member of the Budget and Computer Funding Committees. He is actively engaged in the insurance field.

## **HISTORIAN GENERAL — Harry L. Walen (Incumbent)**

Compatriot Walen is completing a second term as Historian General and serves as Chairman of the SAR History Book Committee and a member of the Museum Board of Directors. He is a Past President of the Minuteman Chapter and the Massachusetts Society. During his professional career, he held prominent positions for 42 years in education.



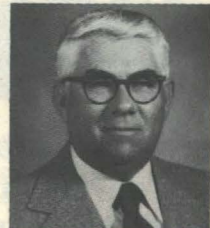
## **GENEALOGIST GENERAL — Herbert G. Webb (Incumbent)**

A Past Vice-President General for the Central District, Compatriot Webb is a Past President of the Ohio Society, which he also served as Secretary-Treasurer-Registrar for many years. He is Chairman of the Genealogy Committee and a member of the National Headquarters Committee. He retired from the United States Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel after 30 years of service.



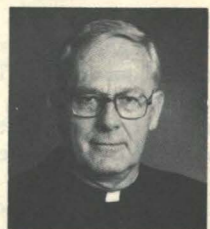
## **CHANCELLOR GENERAL — Nolan W. Carson (Incumbent)**

A Past President of the Cincinnati Chapter and the Ohio Society, Compatriot Carson serves as a member of the Bylaws, Resolutions and U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Committees. He was a member of the distinguished Headquarters Acquisition Commission. A graduate of the University of Michigan Law School with a Juris Doctor Degree, he is a Partner in the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl.



## **CHAPLAIN GENERAL — Emmett Moore Waits, D.M.**

Currently Chaplain of the Texas Society, Compatriot Waits planned and directed the Memorial Service for the 90th Annual Congress in Dallas. He received his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Southern Methodist University and pursued graduate studies in England and Israel. He currently is Director, Pastoral Studies, Social Work and Discharge Planning at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Dallas.



## **LIBRARIAN GENERAL — Richard E. Willson (Incumbent)**

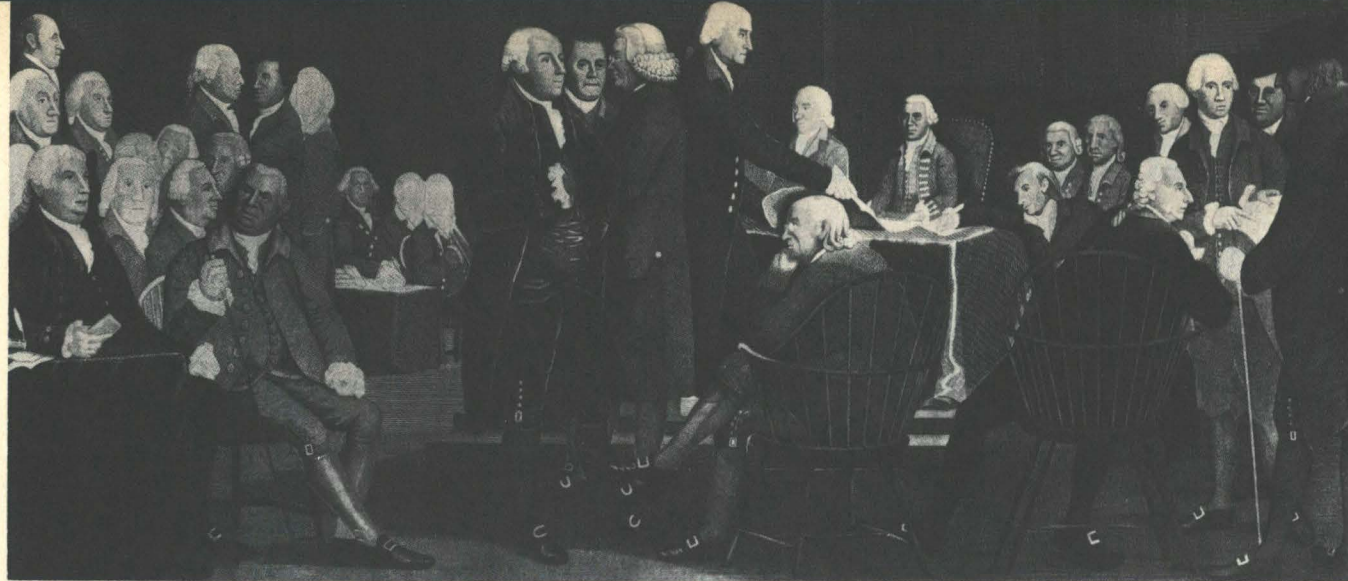
Now completing a third term as Librarian General, Compatriot Willson is Executive Director of the Starved Rock Library System, Ottawa, Illinois. He is a member of the Illinois Society Executive Committee and was Organizing President of the Firelands Bicentennial Chapter of the Ohio Society.



## **SURGEON GENERAL — J. King B. E. Seegar, J.M.D. (Incumbent)**

A Past Vice-President General for the Mid Atlantic District, Compatriot Seegar is also a Past-President of the Maryland Society and was Founding President of the John Eager Howard Chapter. He is a Baltimore Obstetrician and Gynecologist and retired as Deputy Director of Preventive Medicine for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.





The effectiveness of the Continental Congress wavered between good and bad over the years. One of its finer moments is depicted in this spectacular painting, entitled *Congress Voting Independence*, by Edward Savage. (Courtesy Independence National Historical Park, Philadelphia.)

## Prelude to the Miracle at Philadelphia

By Compatriot Benjamin H. Morris

**A variety of important events in our country's early history, including development of the Articles of Confederation, mandated that leaders seek a sounder form of government.**

Catherine Drinker Bowen very aptly named her book about the writing of the United States Constitution "The Miracle at Philadelphia". Indeed, when the background of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 is considered, the fact that the delegates from 12 "sovereign states" could agree upon the Constitution with its sweeping changes in the national government was a latter day miracle (Rhode Island ignored the proceedings).

In a little more than two years we will celebrate the Bicentennial of the signing of the Constitution. That marvelous document did not spring full grown from the minds of its creators, but it was the culmination of a series of events which preceded it and which helped shape its ultimate form. Of course, there would be no Constitution without the American Revolution and that Revolution had to be successful.

While the Revolution was very young,

some of its leaders were looking beyond the developing conflict and saw the need for a compact or agreement unifying the 13 former British colonies and providing a framework for a national government. In June 1776 Richard Henry Lee of Virginia introduced a resolution in the Continental Congress which called for the adoption of a Declaration of Independence and for the appointment of a committee to draw up a plan of union. The world knows that Jefferson, John Adams, Franklin and others drafted the Declaration of Independence and that it was adopted and signed on July 4, 1776, but, how many know that on July 12th John Dickinson of Delaware, Chairman of the committee to draw up a plan of union, presented Congress with a draft of The Articles of Confederation, which became the first constitution of the United States?

### Articles in Effect in 1781

In 1776 and 1777 Congress was so busy with the myriad problems of the war

that debate on the proposed Articles dragged on for a year and a half. Finally, on November 15, 1777, Congress approved a draft of the Articles and copies were sent to the states for approval. Twelve states approved the draft almost immediately, but Maryland refused to because it did not like the provisions which confirmed the vast western land reserves of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Virginia, Georgia and the Carolinas. Surprisingly, little Maryland's firm stand caused the other states to cede their western claims to the central government. After this, Maryland agreed to the Articles and they went into effect on March 1, 1781.

Since grade school, history teachers have told us that The Articles of Confederation were a failure for a number of reasons:

1. There was no power in the federal government to collect taxes or enforce its laws because,
  - a. There was no executive branch of the government, and
  - b. There was no federal judiciary.
2. The federal government could not control interstate trade and commerce.

All of the above points are valid. If so, why did a group of the most intelligent and experienced men in the country

agree on such a flawed plan of government? There are several answers. The years 1776 and 1777 were times of war. Emotions ran high. Men knew what they **did not want**. They had just cast off the yoke of a monarchy and they would not even consider a plan for government with a strong central authority. Also, each of the former colonies, now newly created independent and sovereign states, was jealous of its prerogatives and would tolerate only a minimum of central or federal authority.

It is true that there was a "President" of the Congress, but he was a President in name only, being in reality a parliamentarian more than anything else. At the same time, Benjamin Franklin was serving as the President of Pennsylvania!

Intrenched authority was abhorred. Each state, large or small, had one vote in Congress. However, each state was required to have at least two and not more than seven representatives in the Congress, which had only one house. Delegates were elected by the state legislatures and could not serve more than three years out of a period of six years.

### Provisions Made Part of Constitution

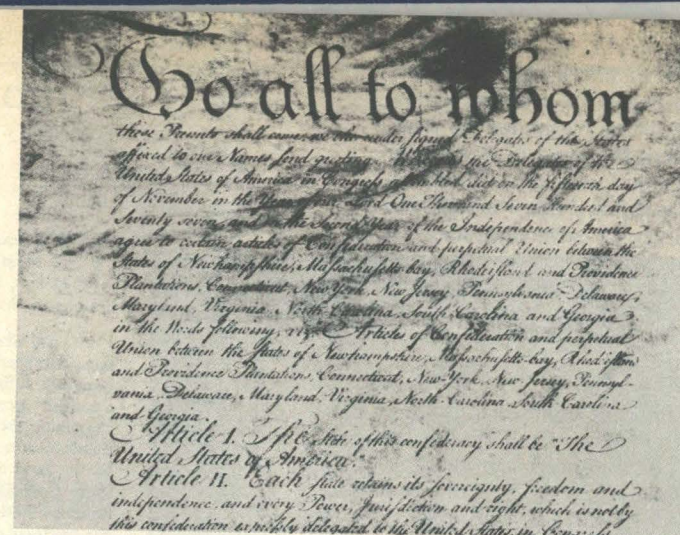
Despite the criticism they have received, the Articles were not all bad. They contained many provisions which were later made part of the Constitution in their original or modified forms. Some of them were:

1. No state could levy a duty or impost on the property of the United States.

2. Full faith and credit had to be given in each state to the records, laws and proceedings of the other states.
3. Freedom of speech was guaranteed in Congress and its members could not be arrested as they went to and from Congress, except for treason, felony or breach of the peace.
4. The United States could not grant titles of nobility.
5. Every state had to keep up a well-regulated militia.
6. Congress had the sole power to

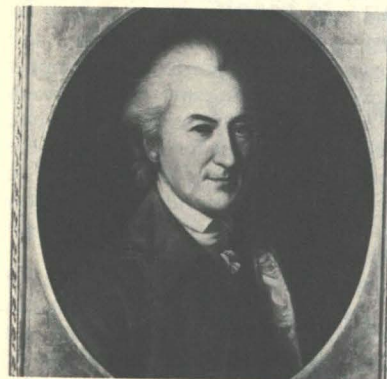
- regulate the value of currency, to fix standards for weights and measures and to establish a post office.
7. Only Congress had the power to raise and support armies and a navy and to declare war and no state could enter into any treaty or alliance.
8. No delegate to Congress could hold another office of the United States.
9. All powers not expressly delegated to the United States were retained by the states.

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THE COVER ILLUSTRATIONS show a portion of the engrossed Articles of Confederation, July 9, 1778 (Courtesy National Archives) and the building in which they were prepared (Courtesy The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia). The Articles were eventually signed by delegates from 13 states. The watercolor, entitled *State House in 1778* (later to be called Independence Hall), was painted c. 1830 by William L. Breton (1775-1850) from a drawing by Charles Willson Peale in 1778.

## Dickinson A Dedicated Revolutionary Patriot



Born in Talbot County, Maryland in 1732; served in the Delaware and Pennsylvania legislatures, the Stamp Act Congress and the Continental Congress. He studied law at the Middle Temple in London.

In 1768 he achieved fame from the publication of his *Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania to the Inhabitants of the British Colonies* which discussed in warm, simple terms the principles underlying English liberty and the impasse the colonies had reached with the mother country. They were widely read by persons of both high and low estate.

A man of many talents, he wrote a song in 1768 which was printed in the *Virginia Gazette*

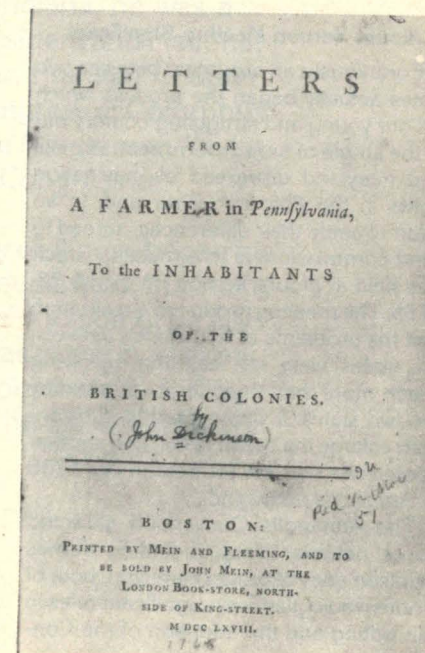
and other papers, known as "The Liberty Song". It became an overnight favorite throughout the colonies.

In 1775 he wrote the magnificent closing passages in the *Declaration of the Cause and Necessity of Taking Up Arms* and in 1776 was the chairman of the committee which drafted the Articles of Confederation. He voted against the Declaration of Independence, because he believed his country was not ready, but almost immediately after that marched to Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania with the militia.

In the Continental Congress he was known as one of the "cool devils" and in the Constitutional Convention of 1787 he was one of the strongest advocates of a national government.

Dickinson was a man of great intelligence and ability who was involved in the great, history-making events of the Revolution and the early years of the United States. His conviction that the cause of Independence should move more slowly caused him to be badly treated by a mob, yet he was a constant champion of the rights of personal freedom and individual liberty. He was a wise, thoughtful and dedicated leader when such men were sorely needed.

The portrait of John Dickinson was rendered by Charles Willson Peale. (Courtesy Independence National Historical Park). At the right is the cover of Dickinson's *Letters*. (Courtesy The Lilly Library, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.)



In 1780, before the Articles were finally adopted, advocates of a strong central government, led by Alexander Hamilton, already foresaw the need to provide for more power and authority. Hamilton wrote to a friend that it was impossible to govern through 13 sovereign states. A want of power in Congress, he said, made the government fit neither for war nor for peace.

#### Resentment Among the States

After the victory at Yorktown in October 1781 peace was in sight and the new nation had to come to grips with the problems of everyday living. The practical problems of business, trade, commerce, currency, credit, employment and other related concerns soon occupied the thoughts of men in all 13 states. For several years the Confederation bumped along with the individual states acting much more sovereign than united. Big states such as Virginia and Pennsylvania resented the equality in Congress of small states such as Rhode Island and Delaware. And the small states had no interest whatever in losing their equality. The states that paid their share of the government's expenses were bitter toward those who did not. In 1787 a Virginian wrote, "New Hampshire has not paid a shilling since peace and does not mean to pay one to all eternity. In New York they pay well because they can do it by plundering New Jersey and Connecticut. Jersey will go the great lengths from motives of revenge and self-interest."

Seven states had their own paper money, but money printed in Pennsylvania, for example, was good only in that state. New Jersey had its own customs service. Nine states had their own navies.

#### Mount Vernon Meeting Significant

Fortuitously, an argument between two states actually began the process which led our young and struggling country out of the jungle of non-government. Virginia and Maryland disagreed on navigation rights in the Potomac River and, in an effort to settle their differences, agreed to send commissioners to a meeting which was held at Mount Vernon on March 28, 1785. The meeting produced a realization that the problems of commerce between the states were far reaching, involving much more than the questions raised by the two states. It was agreed to substantially enlarge the commission and another conference was set for September 1786 in Annapolis, Maryland.

The Annapolis Convention attracted some notable talent, including James Madison and Alexander Hamilton, both of whom would play such significant roles in the writing and the adoption of the Constitution.

The discussions of the Annapolis Convention were not epoch making, but it provided a forum out of which came the

## By the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS assembled.

NOVEMBER 1, 1783.

THE committee consisting of Mr. Carroll, Mr. Duane and Mr. S. Huntington, to whom was referred a motion of Mr. Wilson, to devise means for procuring a full representation in Congress, having reported,

"That whether from the peculiar circumstances some of the states have been under during the war, or that the states in general were not sufficiently impressed with the importance of keeping up a constant representation in Congress, the committee cannot find on examining the journals, notwithstanding the repeated earnest recommendations for that purpose, that all the states have been represented at the same time: it appears that frequently there have not been more than nine states, and too generally not more than a competent representation for the lesser objects of the confederation. As the articles of confederation are silent upon this subject, any further than by fixing the number of delegates for each state, and by declaring how many shall constitute a representation, the committee presume such silence was in consequence of a firm reliance that the states could not be inattentive to a duty not only essential to the interests of each state, but likewise to a principle on which the federal government itself rests.

The articles of confederation requiring, for certain purposes, the agreement of nine states, and as it has seldom happened more than that number have attended, the committee conceive, that not only the injury the public and individuals have suffered thereby, have been occasioned in many instances by the absence of the delegates of some of the states, but likewise that the spirit of the articles of confederation have been defeated, by making an unanimity necessary, whereas nine only out of thirteen are required. And the committee are further of opinion, that unless the states pursue effectual measures for keeping up a constant representation, another material object of the confederation will be frustrated. The delays unavoidable for want of a full representation, will they conceive, oblige Congress

Congress was sometimes so poorly attended that business could not be conducted. To urge better attendance, Congress sent this broadside to the states. A portion is shown here. (Courtesy National Archives.)

critical recognition that the problems of commerce and trade involved all states. Before adjourning, the commissioners approved the report of Chairman John Dickinson which recommended to Congress that commissioners from all states convene in Philadelphia on the second Monday in May, 1787 to "... devise such further provisions as shall appear necessary to render the Constitution of the Federal Government adequate to the exigencies of the Union."

Congress approved the Annapolis recommendation and called the meeting "For the sole purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation." One of the factors that prodded Congress into approving the call for the meeting in Philadelphia undoubtedly was Shay's Rebellion which took place in Massachusetts in September 1786. Farmers in western Massachusetts, led by Captain Daniel Shays, a Revolutionary War veteran, took up arms to prevent foreclosures of mortgages on farms and the imprisonment of debtors. Troops under General Benjamin Lincoln finally subdued the revolt in February 1787, but only after it was feared in many places that the existing governments were incapable of handling such a situation.

The rest of the story is well known. The meeting during the summer of 1787 produced "The Miracle at Philadelphia", our Constitution.

#### Articles Served Useful Purpose

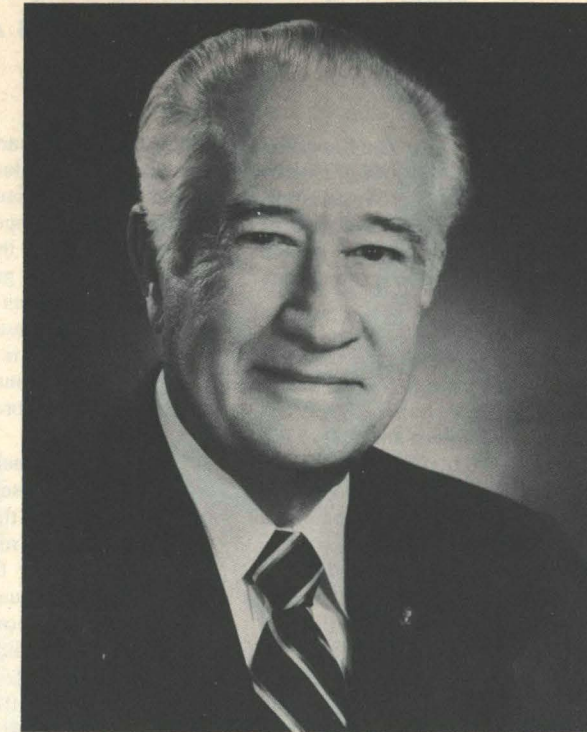
What shall we say of The Articles of Confederation? What is the fair appraisal of their value to our country?

Given the context of the times when the Articles were written and the backgrounds of the men who wrote them, it must be said that they served a very useful and necessary purpose. Certainly, a compact of government giving any greater powers to a central government would have had no chance whatever for approval by the states in the period of 1776-1781. The states were sovereign and intended to stay that way. John Adams spoke of Massachusetts as "our country".

The painful process of disintegration of the new Union which was threatened in 1785 and 1786 showed dramatically and forcefully that "union" and "cooperation" were essential; that "sovereign and independent", taken in undiluted doses, could be fatal. Unless the loose, almost headless government provided by the Articles had failed, the "Miracle at Philadelphia" never would have happened.

The sequence of events beginning with the Mount Vernon Conference and culminating with the writing and adoption of the Constitution lends strong support to the motto appearing on the reverse of the Great Seal of the United States, "Annuit Coeptis" — He favored our undertakings.

## IN MEMORIAM



**EUGENE CLIFFORD McGUIRE**  
President General 1971-72

Called to eternal rest in early March, former President General Eugene Clifford McGuire gave long and dedicated service to the Sons of the American Revolution, including participation in the latest meeting of the Board of Trustees this past March 2. A native of Indiana, he was a member of the Ohio Society, which he served as President and National Trustee and prior to that, President of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter, Columbus. He was Chairman of the 77th Annual Congress at Columbus and at the national level was Treasurer General. The Minuteman Medal was bestowed upon him during the 78th Annual Congress at Williamsburg, Virginia.

Compatriot McGuire, an alumnus of the University of Illinois, began his business career in architecture and the building products field. For many years he was associated in the manufacture of metal moulding; he also had his own investment firm. In the community he was active in a variety of civic organizations, as well as such Masonic groups as York Rite, Scottish Rite and the Shrine. At the time of his death, he was a resident of Lutz, Florida.



# Freedom Is Our Heritage

Compatriot Sam J. Ervin, Jr., eloquently discusses the reasons why the Framers of the Constitution enshrined this document with the basic liberties Americans have long enjoyed.

**Our heritage is freedom. The Constitution makes this manifest by declaring in its preamble that George Washington and his colleagues in the Convention of 1787 framed that instrument to secure the blessings of freedom to all Americans of all generations.**

While love of freedom inspired the Constitution, it did not have its origin in our land.

The love of freedom was brought to our land before the Revolution by courageous men and women from the British Isles, Holland, the vineclad hills of France, the Palatinate of Germany, and the mountains of Switzerland, who craved above all things the freedom denied them by the tyrannical civil and ecclesiastical rulers of the Old World.

Since so many men appear so anxious nowadays to swap the reality of freedom for the mirage of security, it would be well for us to ponder the choice our ancestors made when they forsook the comparative security of the Old World for the terrifying insecurity of the new.

It was not without many pangs of regret that they turned their backs for all time upon the scenes of their childhood, the graves of their beloved dead, and the comparative security of the then civilized world, and journeyed in tiny barks across a boisterous ocean to establish home for themselves and their children and their children's children in what was then a perilous wilderness in a new and strange land.

Why did they do this? Why did they exchange the comparative security of the Old World for the terrifying insecurity of the new? The answer is simply this: they preferred freedom to security.

While it is an indivisible whole, freedom does reveal herself in a fourfold guise as economic freedom, political freedom, religious freedom, and intellectual freedom.

## Economic Freedom

The brave men and women who brought the love of freedom to our land did not learn economics sitting at the feet of those who promised "abundance for all by robbing Selected Peter to pay Collective Paul."

They acquired their knowledge in the hard school of experience, which is the most dependable of teachers. As a consequence, they had the hardihood to accept the economic truths plainly visible to all human beings who possess both the capacity and the willingness to accept reality.

They knew that earth yields nothing to man except the product of his own labor. They knew that Adam's curse is an unchanging and unchangeable law of life: "In the sweat of thy face thou shalt eat bread til thou return unto the ground."

They knew that man has but one choice in respect to this immutable economic fact, and that such choice is simply this: Whether the bread which he must eat in the sweat of his face shall be the bread of freedom or the bread of bondage.

They knew this unalterable decree of the creator of the universe: Free men cannot be induced to produce things of value unless they are permitted to retain a fair share of the fruits of their labor for themselves, their families, and the causes they hold dear.

They knew, moreover, that man can be free only if he is willing to accept responsibility for his own life.

They also knew the truth embodied in Michelangelo's assertion: "It is only well with me when I have a chisel in my hand."

As a consequence of these things, the valiant folks who made America realized not only that economic freedom is an absolutely necessary attribute of a free society, but also that it most effectively encourages men and women to make of themselves everything God gave them any possibility of becoming.

## Political Freedom

The men and women who made America believed that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. Moreover, they had absorbed the lessons taught by the history of the struggle of the people against arbitrary power for the right to be free from tyranny. Hence, they comprehended some eternal truths respecting men and government.

They knew that those who are entrusted with powers of government are susceptible to the disease of tyrants, which George Washington rightly diagnosed in his Farewell Address as "the love of power and proneness to abuse it." For this reason, they realized that the powers of public officers should be defined by laws which they as well as the people are obligated to obey.

They also knew the truth subsequently embodied by Daniel Webster in this aphorism: "Whatever government is not a government of laws is a despotism, let it be called what it may."

For this reason, they realized that liberty cannot exist except under a government of laws, i.e., a government in which the con-

duct of the people is controlled by certain, constant, and uniform laws rather than by the arbitrary, uncertain, and inconstant wills of the men who occupy public offices, and in which the laws accord to the people as much freedom as the commonweal permits.

They likewise knew that Thomas Hobbes had proclaimed an unalterable principle when he said: "Freedom is political power divided into small fragments."

They knew, moreover, the political truth afterwards phrased by Woodrow Wilson in these words:

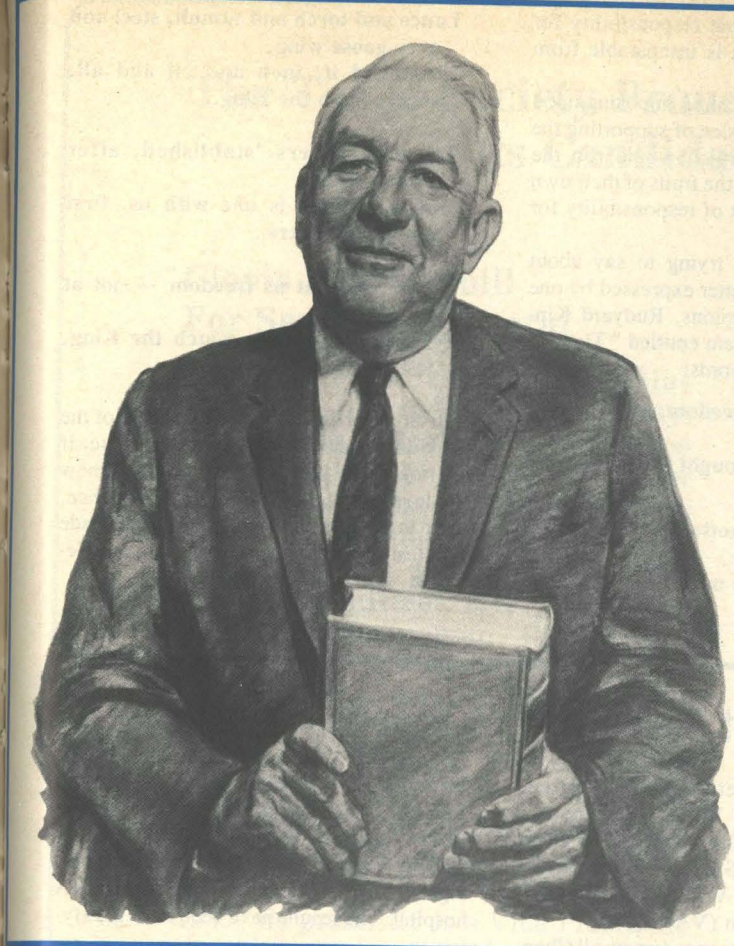
**"Liberty has never come from the government. Liberty has always come from the subjects of it. The history of liberty is a history of the limitation of governmental power, not the increase of it. When we resist therefore the concentration of power, we are resisting the processes of death, because concentration of power is what always precedes the destruction of human liberties."**

For these reasons, they realized that the powers of government should be diffused among different repositories, that "local processes of law are an essential part of any government conducted by the people," and that "no national government . . . can be as closely in touch with those who are governed as can the local authorities in the several states and their subdivisions."

To preserve for themselves and their posterity the blessings of freedom, they framed a Constitution which created a government of laws conforming to these eternal truths, and which they intended to last for the ages and to constitute a law for rulers and people alike at all times and under all circumstances.

## Religious Freedom

The most heart-rending story of history is that of man's struggle against civil and ecclesiastical tyranny for the simple privilege of bowing his own knees before his own God in his own way. As Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy of the North Carolina Supreme Court so well declared in one of the great judicial opinions of all time, "men contend more furiously over the road to heaven, which they cannot see, than over their visible walks on earth," and history records "the tragic fact that men have gone to war and cut each others' throats because they could not agree as to what was to become of them after their throats were cut."



Compatriot Ervin served as a United States Senator representing North Carolina 1957-74. Upon retirement, he was Chairman of the Government Operations Committee; second ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee and Chairman of its subcommittees on Constitutional Rights, Revision and Codification of the Laws, and Separation of Powers; third ranking Democrat on the Armed Services Committee and Chairman of its Subcommittee on Status of Forces Treaty. Born in and still a resident of Morganton, he was twice wounded in battle and twice cited for gallantry while serving as a Private in France during World War I; he was awarded an array of medals, including the French Fourragere. His extensive public service includes being a Judge of the North Carolina Supreme Court and a United States Representative from the 10th District of North Carolina. His book, *The Whole Truth, The Watergate Conspiracy*, was published in 1981 by Random House, Inc. An active Mason, he is also affiliated with a number of hereditary organizations ranging from the Society of the Cincinnati to the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

The men and women who gave freedom to America were devout souls. They had learned some of the sorrowful facts of the spiritual life of man in the bitter crucible of experience. Most of them dissented from the doctrines and usages of the churches established by law in the lands of their origins. They were denied the right to worship God in their own ways. They were compelled to pay tithes for the support and propagation of religious opinions which they disbelieved. They had their marriages annulled and their children adjudged illegitimate for daring to speak their marriage vows before ministers of their own faiths rather than before clergymen of the established churches.

But these cruel oppressions merely steeled their convictions that religion is a private matter between man and his God; that no human authority should undertake to control or interfere with the rights of conscience; and that "to compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves is sinful and tyrannical."

For these reasons, our ancestors staked the very existence of America as a free nation upon the principle that "all men have a natural and unalienable right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences," and the corollary that this natural and unalienable right can be secured only by keeping the hand of the state out of religion and the hands of religion off the state.

## Intellectual Freedom

While I divide freedom into parts for ease of discussion, the indivisibility of freedom becomes manifest when we realize that intellectual freedom is inextricably intertwined with political and religious freedom, and that the full enjoyment of political, religious, and intellectual freedom is dependent upon economic freedom.

The greatest exponent of intellectual freedom among the men and women who made America a living reality was Thomas Jefferson, who said: "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

His contemporaries shared Jefferson's abhorrence of tyranny over the mind, and for this reason they adopted the First Amendment. When this amendment is read in conjunction with the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, it compels the governments of the states as well as the federal government to extend to every human being within our borders these intellectual, political, and religious freedoms:

1. Freedom to think whatever he pleases.
2. Freedom to speak and publish his thoughts with impunity, provided what he says or publishes is not obscene and does not falsely slander or libel another, or tend to obstruct the courts in their administration of justice, or create a clear and present danger that it will incite others to commit crimes.
3. Freedom to associate with others to accomplish any lawful objective.

4. Freedom to meet peaceably with others for consultation and protest, and to petition those invested with powers of government for redress of grievances, real or imagined.

5. Freedom to entertain such religious beliefs as appeal to his conscience, to practice his religious beliefs in any form of worship not injurious to the rights of others, to endeavor by peaceful persuasion to convert others to his religious beliefs, and to be exempt from taxation for the support of any institution which teaches religion of any character.

These freedoms are exercisable by fools as well as by wise men, by agnostics or atheists as well as by the devout, by those who defy our Constitution and laws as well as by those who conform to them, and by those who hate our country as well as by those who love it.

We cannot overmagnify the value of these freedoms, because they are the fundamental freedoms which make it possible for America to endure as a free society.

To be sure, the exercise of these freedoms may require us to put up with a lot of intellectual rubbish. But our country has nothing to fear from them, however much they may be abused, as long as it leaves truth free to combat error.

## Duty To Preserve Freedom

Freedom is hard to acquire or retain, but easy to lose.

Freedom is certainly not free. Our freedom was bought for us by the blood, sweat, tears, and prayers of men and women past numbering.

As the preamble to the Constitution indicates, the most solemn obligation resting upon us is to preserve freedom for ourselves and our posterity.

This we must do if we and future generations of Americans are to enjoy its blessings. As Thomas Paine declared in Revolutionary Days, "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

This is necessarily so because God grants freedom only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it. The brave men and women who made the America we love dedicated it to the proposition that men "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, the enjoyment of the fruits of their own labor, and the pursuit of happiness."

Having done this, they bequeathed America to us in trust for ourselves and our children and our children's children with knowledge of the unhappy truth that the conflict between tyranny and freedom never ceases, and that freedom always stands in peril at the hands of those forces which seek to dominate the lives of others.

To aid us in preserving freedom, they warned us that eternal vigilance is the price of freedom, and that we must recur to fundamental principles frequently to save it.

During recent years, power has become concentrated in the federal government to an extent which beggars description.

If I should attempt to enumerate the many ways in which the exercise of these concentrated powers imperils the freedom of the individual, I could be justly charged with ignoring time and encroaching upon eternity. For this reason, I must restrict myself to indicating only a few of them.

By concentrating most of the powers of government in itself, the federal government has substantially destroyed the states as viable entities of government, and thus deprived the individual in large part of his right to have personal and local affairs regulated by the government nearest to him.

By imposing confiscatory taxes upon him, the federal government has robbed the individual of an inordinate proportion of the fruits of his own labor.

By regimenting his activities to an extreme degree, the federal government has virtually placed the individual under bureaucratic guardianship.

A majority of those who actually manage the federal government do not seem to be satisfied with the limitations they have thus far put upon the freedom of the individual. They profess to be benevolently minded men who seek to impose further restriction upon the freedom of the individual for the individual's own good. In the final analysis, however, they cannot gainsay their belief that the people are incompetent to manage their own affairs, and for this reason ought

to be relieved from that responsibility for their own lives which is inseparable from freedom.

They are now advocating imposing upon the industrious the burden of supporting the indolent — a plan which would rob the industrious of more of the fruits of their own labor and the indolent of responsibility for their own lives.

What I have been trying to say about freedom was much better expressed by one of its foremost champions, Rudyard Kipling, in his stirring poem entitled "The Old Issue." I quote his words:

**"All we have of freedom, all we use or know**

**This our fathers bought for us long and long ago.**

**Ancient right unnoticed as the breath we draw**

**Love to live by no man's leave, underneath the law.**

## Support Sought for VA Hospitals Program

The NSSAR Veterans Committee, chaired by Florida Society Compatriot Richard E. Friberg, has launched an effort aimed at having the SAR listed as a participant in the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service Program (VAVS).

The first step has been to survey all Chapters to determine whether members are now performing voluntary work at a VA medical facility and, if not, whether members would be willing to do so. Responses showed that a number of Chapters are already active in this area and that many others are favorably inclined to do the same. To obtain a listing, volunteers must be active in at least 20 out of the 172 facilities.

Compatriot Friberg points out that it is now up to individual Chapters to appoint a representative to contact the nearest facility and request that he be certified by the director to represent the SAR for a year. This is usually accomplished through a letter to the Chief, Voluntary Service (135). The representative can then discuss with the Chief the extent to which the Chapter wishes to participate in the VAVS program. Compatriot Friberg states that the representative must be able to attend advisory committee meetings generally held four times a year.

In addition to Chapters near a VA facility, other Chapters can participate by collecting such items as books, writing paper, records and toilet articles. Money can also be collected and donated to purchase "Canteen Coupon Booklets" for use by veteran patients.

"Many things can be done in VA hospitals and nursing facilities," Chairman Friberg comments. "It is up to each one of us to remember those less fortunate and work to make this program a success."

**(Editor's note:** Thomas D. Gillis, a member of the Joseph Warren Revere Chap-

**Lance and torch and tumult, steel and grey-goose wing,  
Wrenched it, inch and ell and all,  
slowly from the King.**

**Till our fathers 'stablished, after bloody years,  
How our King is one with us, first among his peers.**

**So they bought us freedom — not at little cost —  
Wherefore must we watch the King,  
lest our gain be lost."**

In closing, I assert that the freedom of the individual is earth's most precious value. If it is to endure in our land, we must renew our love for it, exercise eternal vigilance, recur to fundamental principles, and make manifest our determination to guard and defend it, cost what it may.

ter and a Past President of the California Society, reports that an "admission charge" of a book or game is now being paid by members attending Chapter meetings, with the items given to a local VA hospital. The results have been most gratifying.)



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## The Texas Society Proudly Presents Its Candidates for Two General Offices

### Clovis H. Brakebill For Secretary General

A Past President of the Dallas Chapter and the Texas Society, Compatriot Brakebill is now completing a second term as Treasurer General and as Chairman of the Finance Committee. He has also served as Chairman or a member of several other committees. He holds the Society's Minuteman, Patriot and Silver Good Citizenship Medals, as well as the coveted DAR Medal of Honor.

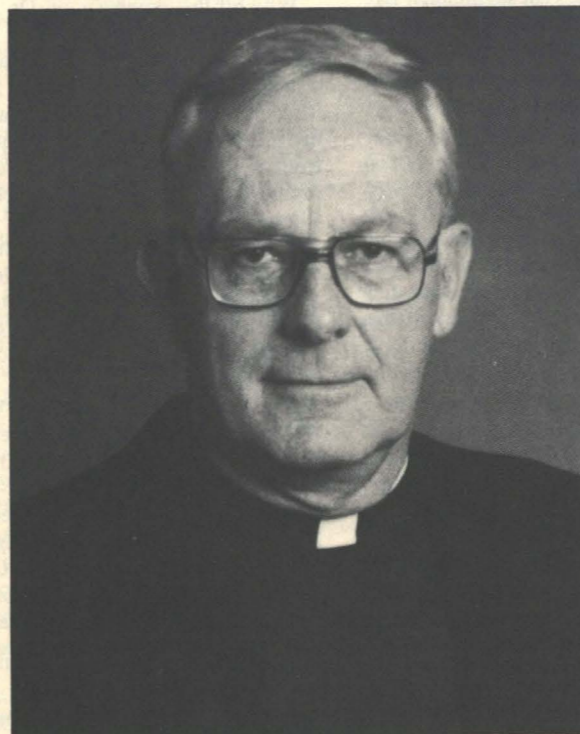
Treasurer General Brakebill was graduated from Texas A & M University with a BS Degree in Accounting. Engaged in property insurance and related activities since 1947, he presently is a Vice President and Senior Consultant for Tillinghast, Nelson & Warren, Inc., an international consulting and actuarial firm.



### The Rev. Emmett M. Waits For Chaplain General

Compatriot Waits, a native of Kentucky, affiliated with the SAR in 1967. Later moving to Texas, he served as Chaplain of the Dallas Chapter 1978-81 and has been Texas Society Chaplain since then. He was responsible for planning and directing the Memorial Service for the 90th Annual Congress in Dallas in 1980. He was presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal by the Dallas Chapter for instituting several innovative memorial programs.

Receiving his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Southern Methodist University, he presently is Director, Pastoral Services, Social Work and Discharge Planning at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Dallas.



# Connecticut Society Initiated Flag Day

By Conrad P. Mook, Chairman, National U.S. Stamps Committee

On Saturday, June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed the following historic resolution, a single sentence which will forever be imbedded in the minds of all true American Patriots:

**"Resolved that the Flag of the United States be 13 stripes alternate red and white, that the Union be 13 stars white in a blue field representing a new constellation"**

Thus it is that we celebrate on June 14 of each year the anniversary, or birthday, of the Stars and Stripes as our American Flag. Or is it?

Much has been written on how the "Stars and Stripes" served as a rallying point during the remainder of our Revolutionary War, and how it inspired Francis Scott Key to write his immortal *The Star-Spangled Banner* at Ft. McHenry during the war of 1812 — but what do we know of the origins of Flag Day, June 14, as a day of national celebration?

On page 37 of the *History of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution* by former Historian General John St. Paul, Jr., we find the following statement included in a 1914 summary of the Society's accomplishments during its first 25 years:

"Flag Day, June 14, was first publicly observed throughout the country upon the recommendation of a member of the Connecticut Society, and Charles Dudley Warner, of Hartford published an editorial on this subject as far back as 1861."

Who was this member of the Connecticut Society and who was Charles Dudley Warner?

It was at the time of the outbreak of hostilities, while Union soldiers were marching off to fight in our tragic Civil War of 1861-65, that on June 8, 1861 in Hartford, Connecticut, Jonathan Flynt Morris, a future member of the SAR, persuaded Charles Dudley Warner, Editor of the *Hartford Courant*, to write an editorial. It proposed June 14 as a day of national celebration in honor of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes on June 14, 1777. Thus it was that in the report of our SAR Flag Committee, published in our National Yearbook for 1915, it was stated that credit for originating Flag Day belonged to "Compatriot Morris". Jonathan Flynt Morris, who became a member of the SAR's Connecticut Society in 1890 and whose National Number is 392 is therefore credited by many as having been the first to propose June 14 as a day of national celebration.

## Others Are Credited

However, there are others whose supporters even today maintain that they originated Flag Day, or first proposed it as a day of national celebration. These include Dr. Bernard Cigrand, George Bolch, Joseph H. Hart and William T. Kerr. Here, however, we must make a distinction between those who are credited with having conducted an early celebration of June 14 as Flag Day, and those who first proposed it as a day of national celebration and after so doing took steps to carry out the idea. In the following paragraphs evidence will be provided that it was Compatriot Morris who first proposed June 14 as a day of national celebration, and that it was the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution that took the earliest steps, early in 1890, to carry out the idea first proposed by its member, Jonathan Flynt Morris, in 1861.

Among those crediting Jonathan Morris, at least by inference, is Jane M. Hatch who compiled and edited *The American Book of Days* published in 1978 by the H. W. Wilson Company of New York. She states that the first Flag Day observance took place in Hartford, Connecticut, on June 14, 1861. However, she adds that "the 1861 Hartford exercises were not repeated in the years that immediately followed".

For the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the "Stars and Stripes" as our National Flag, Congress requested that all public buildings fly the flag. Thus on June 14, 1877, in most major cities, particularly in

the Northeast, celebrations were held and the Stars and Stripes appeared on local, state and national government buildings.

## Cigrand Gained Prominence

The *Encyclopedia Americana*, in an unsigned article in its 1949 Edition, states that "the earliest effort to make the day into an annual and national holiday was when Dr. B. J. Cigrand wrote in the June issue of the *Chicago Argus* an article entitled "The Fourteenth of June", in which he advocated a national holiday for every month of the year. The year of the *Argus* publication is not stated, though mention is made of several similar articles appearing between 1891 and 1897 and authored by Dr. Cigrand. It may be worth mentioning that this same edition of the *Americana* contains articles on "The Flag of the United States," and "Flags, Confederate", both signed by "Bernard J. Cigrand, Lieutenant, United States Navy; Member of Faculty University of Illinois" (the 1936 edition of *Who's Who in Chicago and Vicinity*, published by the A. N. Marquis Company, states that Cigrand was a dentist who was born on October 1, 1866, and died May 16, 1932, and refers the reader to its 1931 edition).

The 1914 edition of Herringshaw's *American Blue Book of Biography*, published by American Publishers Association of Chicago, noted that he had been president of the American College of Dental Surgery, and had authored a Compendium of Dentistry.

Why all this emphasis on Dr. Cigrand? The answer is twofold:

(1) When President General Carl F. Besant was quoted last December 5th in the *Baltimore Sun* as having stated that the SAR had originated Flag Day, a subsequent letter from a reader appeared which disagreed, saying that Flag Day had originated with Dr. Cigrand, and

(2) The U. S. Postal Service had recognized the claim by supporters of Dr. Cigrand that the latter had been the first to observe Flag Day when, in the words of former Postmaster General William Bolger, the first observance took place on June 14, 1885, at Stony Hill School in Waubeka, Wisconsin. Mr. Bolger had travelled there from Washington on December 13, 1984, to unveil the design of the new 22-cent Flag "booklet" stamp which was issued there on March 29. According to Mr. Bolger, "In a true act of patriotism, Bernard J. Cigrand, a 19-year-old teacher in the school, and his students placed a 10-inch flag in a bottle on his desk. They named their celebration 'Flag Birth Day'."

## SAR Moves Into Action

Needless to say, we in the SAR, upon learning of this, hastened to provide evidence to the Postal Service regarding the prior celebration and advocacy of Flag Day

which took place in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1861. We suggested that the forthcoming 22-cent sheet and coil stamps of similar "Flag over the Capitol" design be issued at the same time in Hartford. Our evidence for the 1861 date included the fact that a national magazine of the time, the *Spirit of '76*, had stated editorially in its issue for June 1896 that "Flag Day celebrations began with the Sons of the American Revolution in Hartford, Connecticut, and has now spread to the remotest bounds of the country". However, the die had been cast and the ceremonies were held in Washington, D. C., on March 29, 1985.

But let us not place too much blame on the Postal Service if we think that they may have erred. As was mentioned earlier, there were several others that played an important part in fostering Flag Day at some time or other. Even so, we might expect a publication of the Patriotic Education Foundation to mention the SAR in this regard, especially if it mentions Dr. Cigrand. Robert Weaver's book entitled *Our Flag and Other Symbols of Americanism*, published by that organization in 1972, gives considerable credit to Dr. Cigrand, a "Professor of Dentistry" on the matter of the origin of Flag Day. There is no mention of the SAR. Perhaps we have not been telling our story often enough!

In New York City a kindergarten teacher named George Balch is credited with having celebrated Flag Day in his school in 1889. Soon thereafter, the New York State Legislature instructed the State Superintendent of Public Schools to organize such celebrations in the public schools.

A businessman of Allentown, Pennsylvania, Joseph H. Hart, is credited with the formation of the Allentown Flag Day Association in 1907.

According to the *American Book of Days*, referenced previously, William T. Kerr of Pittsburgh and later Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is recognized by many as the "Father of Flag Day". His interest began in 1882 when he was a 14-year-old school boy and continued throughout his life.

Both Kerr and Cigrand later served as Presidents of the American Flag Day Association. William Kerr, whose son Joseph Kerr is a member of the SAR, sought the support of Presidents McKinley through Truman and visited each one personally in his effort to make Flag Day, June 14, a nationwide observance. He saw his efforts reach fruition when he was invited to witness President Truman's signing of the Flag Day Act in August 3, 1949.

The June 1978 issue of *Knight Templar Magazine* contains a summary of William T. Kerr's contributions to Flag Day by his son, Joseph.

## Connecticut Society Credited

If Jonathan Morris was indeed the first to propose the celebration of Flag Day, what steps did he take to promote a nationwide annual observance, beyond suggesting a newspaper editorial on the subject? According to the *Year Book of the Societies Com-*



This multi-color 22¢ United States stamp was first issued during ceremonies in Washington, DC on March 29 of this year. The U.S. Stamps Committee had tried to convince the Postal Service to issue the stamp on the same date in Hartford, Connecticut. (Design copyrighted by U.S. Postal Service. All rights reserved.)

posed of *Descendants of the Men of the Revolution*, published in 1890 by the Republic Press of New York and written by Henry Hall, a member of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution and the Connecticut Society, SAR, the annual observance of June 14 throughout the United States, as the anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes by Congress, was suggested by the Managers of the Connecticut Society, SAR, early in 1890. The article stated further that "it was proposed that the anniversary should be known as "Flag Day" and should be observed by a general display of the national colors on public and private buildings in every state of the Union. In consequence of this timely and happy suggestion, American Flags were spread to the breeze quite generally throughout Connecticut on June 14, 1890, as well as in New York and other cities; and a new anniversary was added to the list of annual patriotic observances in America". We can well imagine that Compatriot Morris was somehow closely associated with this action. Later we find in the aforementioned book by Historian General John St. Paul, on page 18, in his review of the First National Congress of the SAR held in Louisville in 1890, the statement that the SAR was the originator of "the observance of June 14 as Flag Day, now nationally recognized".

From these early beginnings, the Morris', the Cigrands, the Kerrs, the Balch's, and the Harts of this nation, spurred on by an overwhelming spirit of patriotism, joined millions of others in celebrating our freedom by focusing on June 14 as Flag Day. Flag Day proclamations were issued by Presidents Wilson and Coolidge, but it was not until August 3, 1949, that Congress acted with a joint resolution and President Truman officially designated June 14 as Flag Day. In Pennsylvania Flag Day is a legal holiday.

Let us not, however, rest on our laurels. We can only be truly proud of our past contributions to Flag Day, by continuing to seize upon this annual opportunity to focus the attention of our local communities on

our Flag and its meaning. What plans does your Chapter have for Flag Day?

The author wishes to acknowledge the assistance of President General Carl F. Besant, who devoted much of his Christmas holiday to research early SAR documents dealing with Flag Day, and of Vice-President General Grafton Duvall, Jr., of Pennsylvania, who kindly supplied information on the contributions of William T. Kerr.

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

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

**DEADLINES FOR FUTURE ISSUES:** Summer (August) – June 15; Fall (November) – October 1; Winter (February) – January 1; Spring (May) – April 1

## Alabama Society



Over 100 members and guests attended the Society's Annual Meeting and Washington's Birthday Observance in Mesa during February. Following a luncheon, Treasurer General Clovis H. Brakebill offered an informative address on the life of

George Washington from childhood to becoming President of the United States. He also presented 25- and 50-year membership pins to several Compatriots. Newly elected officers were installed by Past Society President C. Norman Flanders.

Treasurer General Clovis H. Brakebill was guest speaker at the Society's February meeting.

During a recent African Famine Relief Drive sponsored by the Mobile Red Cross, a local restaurant donated half of a day's income toward the project, with local organizations being asked to participate. A number of **Mobile Chapter** Compatriots patronized the restaurant, including President Horace R. (Dick) Jordan (right, standing) and Vice President Robert E. Becker (next to him). Their guests were (seated, from left): Dr. Sarah L. Light, Mrs. Becker and Jason Becker.

## Arizona Society



Receiving Law Enforcement Commendation Medals at the **Saguaro Chapter's** February meeting were Ralph D. Grimm (left), Commander of the Sun City Sheriff's Posse in 1984, and George Bable, Commander of the Sun City West Posse (right). Doing the honors was President Willis A. Kerns. Each Posse consists of residents and is instrumental in maintaining a low crime rate.



Law Enforcement Commendation Medals were presented to the following men during the **Tucson Chapter's** Annual Meeting (from left): Sergeant George Heany, Pima County Sheriff's Department; Officer David C. French, Tucson Police Department; Special Agent James Ader, FBI; Tech Sergeant Gary Martin, 836th Security Police Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson; and Border Patrol Agent Francisco Bustamante, U.S. Border Patrol.

The Annual Meeting of the **Tucson Chapter** featured the presentation of awards. Given the Silver Good Citizenship Medal was Tucson Chief of Police Peter Ronstadt, while Eagle Scout Andrew G. Schmerl received a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Other recipients are shown in the accompanying photo.

## California Society

"The Challenge at Sea" was the topic chosen for an address to the **San Francisco Chapter** in January by Rear Admiral Russell Gorman, Commander Naval Reserve Readiness Command, Region Twenty. Then in February the Chapter heard Captain Wilfred Ross, JAGC, USA, discuss the military justice system in the Revolutionary War. He is assigned to the Presidio of San Francisco.

The **San Diego Chapter** staged its Annual Colonial Ball in February at the famed Admiral Kidd Club. Presented a Good Citizenship Medal was Dr. Chigos, Past President of the San Diego Council of the Navy League. He founded National University, which has campuses in several California cities and Costa Rica.



Col. Richard Locke, Jr., President of the newly organized **Redding Chapter**, is shown receiving the Charter from Society Secretary Carl Lamb. The Society now boasts 22 chapters.

Guest speaker at the **Joseph Warren Revere Chapter's** February meeting was Captain Richard R. Pohli, USN (Ret). He discussed his relationships with the Soviet Naval Attache in India while he was the U.S. Naval Attache.

In January **Sacramento Chapter** members were treated to a talk by LTC Craig Saunders, Senior Advisor, 49th Military Police Brigade. He discussed the cooperation between the National Guard and the Army in protecting our country's security. First Vice President George Whiteley addressed the Chapter on "California Prisons and Polygraphs" in February.

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## Colorado Society

Over 100 members and guests of the Society celebrated Washington's Birthday at a banquet held in the Officers Club of the Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs. Nearly half of the Compatriots and guests on hand represented the newly formed **Pikes Peak Chapter**. Lt. General John F. Forrest, Executive Director of the U.S. Space Foundation, offered insight on the "National Strategic Defense Initiative" and its bene-

fits to the nation. The following awards were presented: Meritorious Service Medals to Alfred A. Hagedorn, Sr., and G. Clifford Patterson; Medal of Appreciation to Mrs. Eldon H. Brown, Regent of the DAR Mount Rosa Chapter; Martha Washington Medal to Mrs. Alexis Coquillard, Jr.; and Silver Good Citizenship Medal to William B. Tutt, for his services on the Executive Board of the U.S. Olympics Committee.



At the right newly elected Society President took the oath of office on a Bible held by his granddaughters during the Washington's Birthday program. Others sworn in by Vice-President General Charles W. Starks were (from left): Registrar-Historian G. Clifford Patterson, Vice President Frederick O. Jeffries, Jr., and Treasurer Clarence L. Bixler, Jr.

## Connecticut Society

In March the honored guest at a Society luncheon was President General Carl F. Bessent. The gathering was held at the Officers Club, U.S. Submarine Base, Groton.

A large delegation from the **General David Humphreys Branch No. 1** were on hand for the Annual Ball of the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard. Held at the New Haven Armory in early February, the event is always a highlight of the SAR year. During the Branch's February meeting, William Prendergast, Honorary Member, spoke on President Washington's and President Lincoln's visits to Connecticut prior to their election.

A campaign to have Nathan Hale designated as the "Official State Hero of Connecticut" was given a big boost at a recent luncheon held by the **Nathan Hale Chapter**. Over the past nine months, Compatriots have been gathering over 1,000 signed petitions and resolutions requesting that the State Legislature honor Patriot Hale by such a designation. Attending the luncheon and declaring that they would sponsor special legislation were State Senator Pierce F. Connair and State Representative William J. Cibes. Ready for distribution were such promotional materials as bumper stickers and post cards.



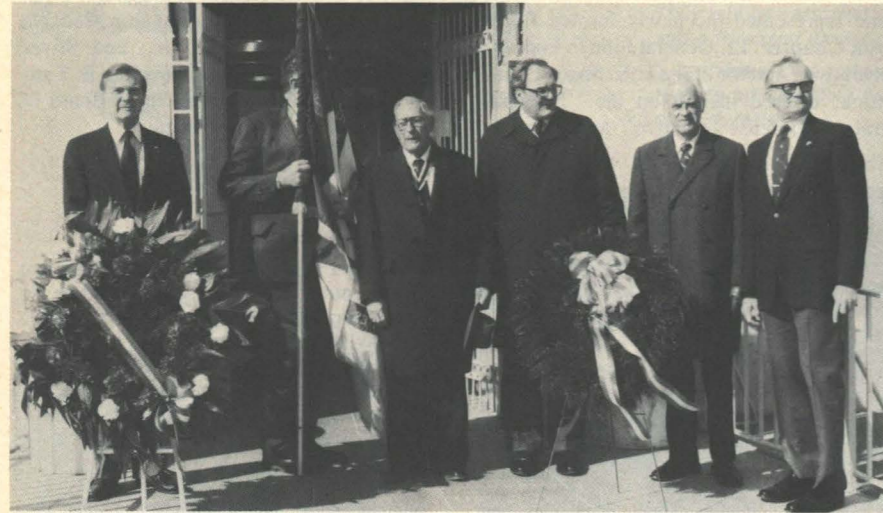
Distinguished guests at the luncheon of the **Nathan Hale Chapter** were (from left): President Harry J. Hewitt, State Representative William J. Cibes and State Senator Pierce F. Connair.

## District of Columbia Society

Nearly 50 members and guests turned out for the Society's Annual Christmas Lunch-

eon in December. Celebration of the holiday from earliest times to the present was the

topic of an address by Reverend Doctor Frank McDonald Spindler, a retired Episcopal pastor. In January the Society presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to one of Washington's legendary figures,



On February 21 the Society, in conjunction with the Benjamin B. French Lodge, F.&A.M., staged a ceremony at the Washington Monument to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the historic structure's dedication. In 1885 the monument was to have been dedicated on the 22nd, Washington's birthday, but the occurrence of that date on a Sunday caused the program to be held one day earlier. Representing the Society were (from left): Col. Stewart McCarty, LTC Arthur Stewart, President Paul Niebell, Timothy Bennett, Lowell Hammer and Col. Donald Perkins.

## Florida Society

The **DeLand Chapter** presented 132 Good Citizenship Certificates to worthy elementary school students in 1984!

Society President Richard E. Friberg was the honored guest and speaker at the **Brevard Chapter** Presidents Night Dinner Meeting. Receiving awards were: Mrs. Audrey Megregian, Silver Good Citizenship Medal, for outstanding community service



The newly formed **Gainesville** and **Flagler Chapters** received Charters this past January. Shown presenting the document to **Gainesville Chapter** President Ralph E. Eastwood, Sr., was Florida Society President Richard E. Friberg. In the foreground were Society Senior Vice President and Mrs. James B. Miles, Sr., (he represented Compatriot Friberg in presenting the **Flagler Chapter** Charter.

Homer Saunders, Special Assistant Emeritus to the General Manager of the Army and Navy Club. He has been employed there for 60 of the Club's 100 years of service.

as Founder and Director of the county's Committee Against Sexual Assault; James F. McClanahan, Sr., Meritorious Service Medal, for long and devoted service to the SAR; and Mrs. Louise Friberg, Certificate of Appreciation, for selfless and dedicated service to the Florida Society's Veteran Patients Program.

"Early Years of Sarasota" was the title of a slide-illustrated talk to the **Sarasota Chapter** in January by John G. McCarthy, Sarasota County Historian.

## Illinois Society

The Annual Meeting of the **Kishwaukee Chapter** featured an address by Illinois Society President Burton Showers. He told about his experiences in the Himalaya Mountains utilizing slides he had photographed.

## Indiana Society

The **William Knight Chapter** played host to the Society's Winter Meeting in February at Cloverdale. Speaking to attendees on the nuclear freeze was Chapter Compatriot Hugh Henry, a retired physics professor.

## Kansas Society

Washburn University, Topeka, was the setting for a special Society program designed to commemorate 60 years of SAR membership by Kelsey H. Petro and his 91st birthday. The event began with a reception at the Kelsey & Edna Petro Health Center on



Compatriot Petro received a special certificate marking his 60 years as an SAR from Kansas Society President Robert E. Burt (left) and former President General Arthur M. King.

the school's campus. This was followed by a luncheon in the Student Union presided over by Society President Robert E. Burt. In addition to those by Compatriot Petro, remarks were offered by National Trustee Augustus di Zerega and former President General Arthur M. King.



The Kansas Society has a strong new member campaign going on these days! As a result of his recruiting efforts, **Delaware Crossing Chapter** President Lee Wellington Patrick recently received two trophies from Kansas Society President Robert E. Burt. One was for adding three new Compatriots, the other for five.

## Maryland Society

The Annual Patriots Ball and Cotillion, staged by the Society in December at Baltimore's Hotel Bevedere, drew over 250 members and guests, including C.A.R. debutantes and their escorts. Serving as Chairman of the event was Compatriot

## IN MEMORIAM



### HORACE YEARGIN KITCHELL President General 1961-62

*Former President General Horace Yeargin Kitchell was called to eternal rest in February. He had been a member of the Mississippi Society for several decades.*

*Compatriot Kitchell's service to the Society was long and varied. It included the positions of President of the Greenwood Chapter (which he helped organize in 1947), President and National trustee of the Mississippi Society, Vice-President General for the Southern District and Genealogist General. In addition to serving on numerous national committees, he was Chairman of the General Arrangements Committee of the 68th Annual Congress held in Biloxi in 1958.*

*During his business career, Compatriot Kitchell was owner and operator of the Delta Machine Works, which was established by his father in Greenwood. Over the years he had been active in a variety of organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis International, Elks, I.O.O.F., Mississippi Manufacturers Association, American Ordnance Association and the Mississippi Economic Council. He was also active in The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America and the Society of Colonial Wars.*

Granville H. Wehland. Prior to dinner, the Colors were presented by the Society's Color Guard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Registrar General R.

Wendell Lovering and recitation of the Americans Creed led by President General Carl F. Bessent.

### Mississippi Society

Mid-February saw convening of the Society's 96th Annual Meeting at the Natchez Ramada Inn, with a large contingent of Compatriots and guests in attendance.

Bringing greetings was the Mayor of Natchez, while the luncheon guest speaker was Mrs. Patricia Walton Shelby, a former President General of the DAR.

### Missouri Society



During a December meeting of the **William C. Corum Chapter**, Kansas City Chief of Police Larry J. Joiner was presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Participating in the ceremony were (from left): Chapter President Jack Wymore; Col. James A. Shelby, President of the **John Woolard Chapter**; Chief Joiner; and Judge R. Kenneth Elliott, a member of the Corum Chapter.

### Nebraska Society

The University of Nebraska's Center for Continuing Education was the site of the Society's Annual Meeting late in February. One feature of the gathering was presentation of the Bronze Eagle Trophy to Eagle

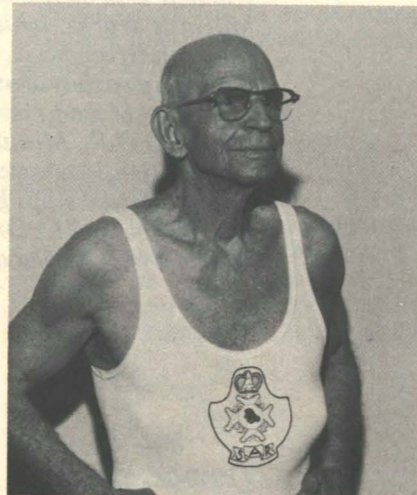
Scout Jeffrey L. Johnson, recognizing his being chosen as the top Eagle Scout from those entering the Society's statewide competition. Bringing greetings was Mrs. Henry Wehrman, DAR State Regent.

### New Hampshire Society



Captain Leslee Hansen and her husband, Captain Eric Hansen, were guest speakers at a recent Society meeting. She told about her duties as co-pilot of a KC 135 aerial refueling tanker. Both are stationed at Pease Air Force Base as members of the 509th Bomb Group.

### New Jersey Society



While walking 14-minute miles, 80-year-old **Col. John Rosenkrans Chapter** Compatriot Howard Linn Edsall sports a three-color SAR insignia embroidered onto his white tank-top leotard. It was crafted by an artist friend, Barbara Romaine.

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When the **South Jersey Chapter** celebrated its 62nd anniversary at a Christmas dinner, President Richard A. Scudder awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Mrs. Rowena Robinson Billos, Past Regent of the DAR Moorestown Chapter. Over 60 members and guests were on hand.



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## New Mexico Society



Col. Charles W. Starks, Vice-President General for the Rocky Mountain District, was guest speaker at the Society's Washington's Birthday Meeting in Albuquerque. He discussed Washington's education.

## Empire State Society (NY)

The **Huntington Chapter** held a highly successful Washington's Birthday Commemoration in mid-February, with the Huntington Militia presenting and retiring

the Colors. Receiving a medal was Mrs. Walter A. Saxton, Regent of the DAR Colonel Gilbert Potter Chapter.



Over 160 members and guests of the Stony Point Chapter were on hand for the Chapter's 21st Annual Awards Dinner. Recipients and SARs present included (from left): Judge David S. Ritter (Law Enforcement Commendation Medal); Registrar General R. Wendell Lovering; Mrs. Marion Valentino (named Woman of the Year); Chapter President David O. Dickson; Bradley Bobb (named Man of the Year); George A. White (Silver Good Citizenship Medal); and Empire State Society President Thomas Speller.

## North Carolina Society



In February over 75 members and guests of the **Raleigh and General Francis Nash Chapters** joined in Durham to hold an enjoyable Washington's Birthday Dinner. Mrs. Donald C. Rollins was presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal by Nash Chapter President W. R. Miller. Legally blind, she is a member of President Reagan's Task Force on Food Assistance. The evening's guest speaker was North Carolina Society President Howland G. Taft.

## Ohio Society

Dr. Roger A. Fortin, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at Xavier University, was featured speaker for the Washington's Birthday Celebration held by the **Cincinnati Chapter**. His subject was "Significance of the American Revolution — Its Meaning Today."



At a recent meeting of the Society's Board of Managers, **Benjamin Franklin Chapter** President D. W. Frampton (left) was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by Past Society President John T. O'Neil. Also receiving the award were Past Society Presidents John P. Dean and Carl A. Nissen.

## Oklahoma Society

Highlighting the January meeting of the **Bartlesville Chapter** was presentation of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Deputy Sheriff Allen D. Lansdown. Present for the program were his wife, Special District Judge Myrna Lansdown, and Washington County Sheriff Larry Silver.

## Oregon Society



Boy Scout Steve Moos was awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal by **Portland Chapter** Secretary Edgar Taylor at a January meeting. The lad was recognized for his heroic efforts in helping to rescue a fellow Scout who had fallen over a cliff onto jagged rocks. The feat included swimming through icy waters.

## Pennsylvania Society

Washington's Birthday was celebrated in February by a **Philadelphia-Continental Chapter** luncheon at the Engineers Club. This was preceded by the Chapter's traditional flag raising and wreath laying ceremony at the statue of George Washington at Independence Hall and a similar program at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution in Washington Square.



At the Annual Awards Meeting of the **Tiadaghton Chapter**, Everett W. Rubendall (right) was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal by President Richard L. Mix. The recipient was honored for promoting local history while a radio announcer in the past and for his current contributions as Assistant to the Director of the Lycoming County Historical Museum.

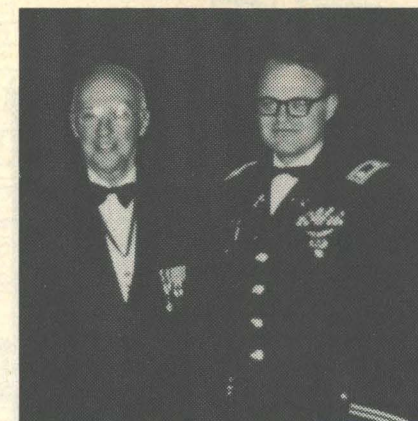
For several years the **Tiadaghton Chapter** has been purchasing state books of the Federal Census of 1791, the first one taken, and giving them to the James V. Brown Library in Williamsport. The project will be completed when the book for New Hampshire is made available in the near future.

Guest speaker at the Washington's Birthday Luncheon staged by the **Continental Congress Chapter** was Dr. Charles H. Glatfelder, Professor of History at Gettysburg College. His subject was "Washington: A Human Being, But a Good One." President Richard Young awarded



At the November meeting of the **George Washington Chapter**, President Marshall E. Lignian (center) presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Kenneth Baker (left) and the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Dr. Farrell Jackson.

him the Good Citizenship Medal in recognition of his work as Director of the Adams County Historical Society and for his numerous published works.



LTC Martin W. Andresen (right), on the staff of the U.S. Army Military Institute at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, was guest speaker at the 44th Annual Meeting of the **Harris Ferry Chapter**. Next to him was newly installed President Herman K. Kinter.

Colonial Ft. Loudon was the subject of a talk at the **Conococheague Chapter's** Washington's Birthday Meeting in February by Mrs. Anna Rotz, President of the Ft. Loudon Historical Society. She explained how the society has supervised an archaeological dig that has uncovered the original Revolutionary War fort site and Eastern Indian artifacts. Plans call for rebuilding the fort in the near future.



Frank M. Tooze, MD, guest speaker at the **Erie Chapter's** Washington's Birthday Celebration, was dressed in the uniform of Admiral Perry's Surgeon during the War of 1812. Dr. Usher Parson. He was introduced by Compatriot John Chaffee.

## Rhode Island Society

The 95th Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Varnum Memorial Army, East Greenwich, in late February. Kenneth W. Jencks was elected President.



At a December meeting of the Society in East Providence, two police officers were awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Participating in the program were (from left): President Edward Wickes, Detective Sergeant Louis J. Gelfuso of the Barrington Police Department, Patrolman John C. Bartis of the Newport Police Department and Anthony Walker, Vice President.

## South Carolina Society

Members of the **Dr. George Mosse Chapter**, which received its Charter just last October, joined with members of the DAR Captain William Hilton Chapter in January for a trip to Parris Island Marine Base. The group witnessed graduation exercises for a class of Marine recruits, toured facilities and had lunch at the Officers Club.



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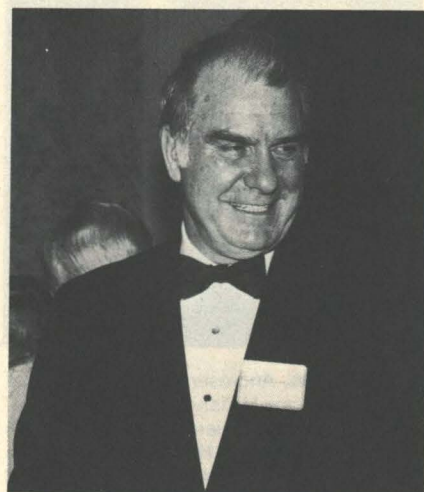
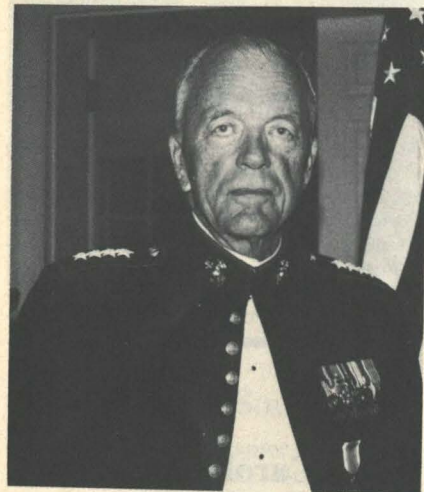
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In October the **Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter** joined with four local DAR Chapters for a meeting. South Carolina Adjutant

General T. Eston Marchant gave an informative talk on the South Carolina National Guard.

## Tennessee Society



Over 160 members and guests turned out for the big Washington's Birthday Dinner sponsored by the **Andrew Jackson Chapter** at the Belle Meade Country Club, Nashville. Receiving the coveted Gold Good Citizenship Medal was Gen. Leonard F. Chapman, Jr., (left), a member of the Chapter and retired Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps. As guest speaker, he presented a lecture on the life of Washington. Receiving the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was Joe Casey (right), Nashville Chief of Police. Surprised to be awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal was Chapter President James W. Hofstead.

The Holiday Inn in Chattanooga was the site for the Annual Washington Day Dinner of the **John Sevier Chapter**. William D. Spears was guest speaker. A member of the Football Hall of Fame, he detailed four leaders of the Revolution, including John Sevier.

A motion picture about the construction and sailing to Plymouth, Massachusetts of the *Mayflower II* highlighted the January meeting of the **Stones River Chapter**, Murfreesboro.



Maury County Sheriff William Voss (right) was honored in December by being awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal by **Tombigbee Chapter** President J. Hardin McKelvey. The Tennessee Sheriff's Association recently named him the state's outstanding sheriff.



Mrs. Charles Alexander was proud to receive the Martha Washington Medal during a recent meeting of the **Tombigbee Chapter** from President J. Hardin McKelvey. She and her Compatriot husband have given commendable service to the SAR.

## Texas Society

San Antonio was chosen as this year's site of the Society's State Convention in March. Honored guest and speaker was President General Carl F. Bessent. He installed newly elected officers and addressed the assemblage on the "Spirit of 1776."

At the January meeting of the **Patrick Henry Chapter**, Austin, Compatriot Guy M. Cloud II talked about Col. Lewis M. H. Washington, an ancestor who had a colorful career in the Texas Revolution and the

Texas Republic. Col. Cloud brought out that many of the men who fought in the Texas Revolution were sons or grandsons of Revolutionary War Patriots. In February the Chapter held a Washington's Birthday Luncheon with four local DAR Chapters. Guest speaker was Dr. Margaret N. Maxey, Director of the Chair of Free Enterprise, College of Engineering, University of Texas.



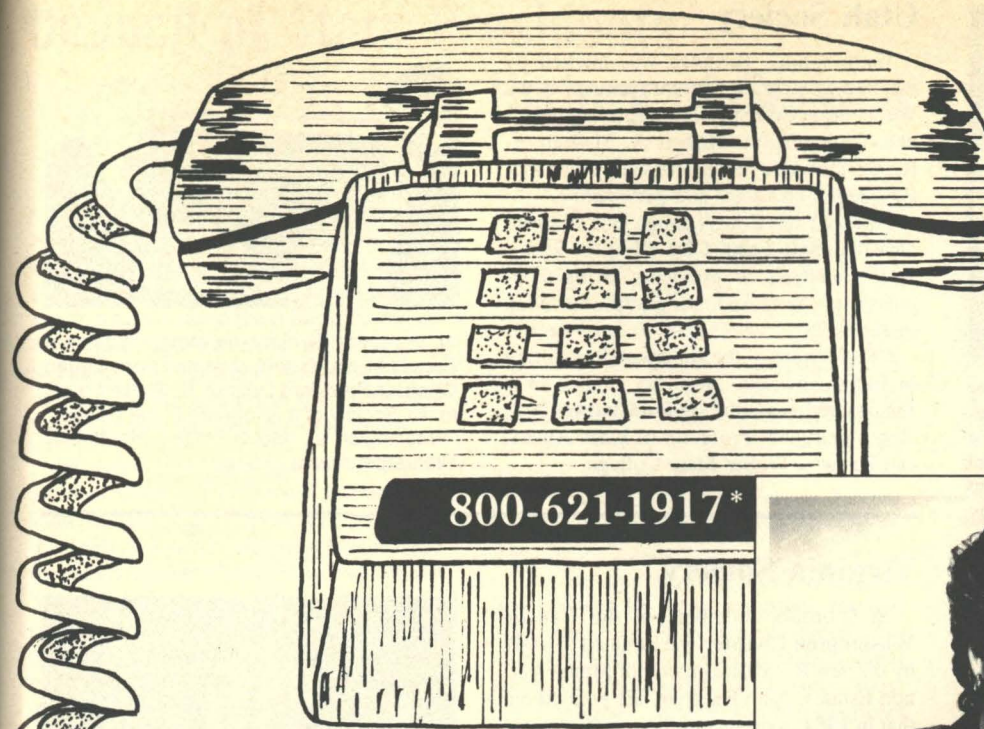
During the Society's State Convention, President General Carl F. Bessent (on podium) presented the Bronze Eagle to **Paul Carrington Chapter** President James Guest in recognition of the Chapter's contribution of \$1,000 to the NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Foundation.



Robert N. Winston (left), Past President of the **Patrick Henry Chapter** and now Texas Society Historian, was guest speaker at the January meeting of the **Hill Country Chapter**. His topic was "What Happened to the Signers of the Declaration of Independence." Shown with him was President Fred Eubanks.



Compatriot Joe Clark (center) gave a Minuteman Flag to the **Houston Chapter** at a recent meeting. Accepting it were President David Peterson (left) and Vice President Bud Miles. He serves as Commander of the Chapter's Color Guard.



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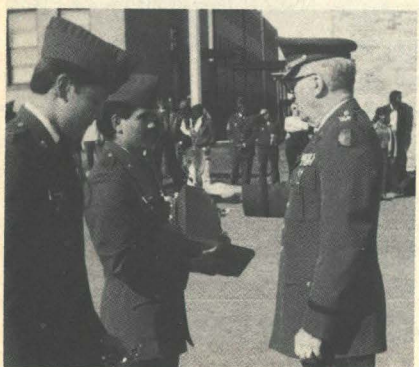


In a January Awards Ceremony, **Hill Country Chapter** President Fred Eubanks (left) recognized the following: Mrs. Thomas Daniel, a DAR who helped found the Chapter eight years ago (Martha Washington Medal), and Registrar Merrill Lemmon and Publicity Chairman Bill Gilson (Certificates of Appreciation).

One of the most impressive programs ever sponsored by the **Houston Chapter** took place at the Warwick Hotel in early March, the Mount Vernon Ball. A distinct highlight was the presentation of historic skits, with members and their ladies representing such famous personages as George and Martha Washington, Lafayette, Franklin, Jefferson, Hamilton, Arnold, Dolly Madison and the three Patriots depicted in Archibald Willard's famous painting entitled "Spirit of '76."



The Mount Vernon Ball, sponsored by the **Houston Chapter**, was enlivened with dances of colonial days.



Following the Rifle and Drill Meet sponsored by the **Dallas Chapter**, in January, Col. Graham Martin, Immediate Past President, presented a Rifle Team Trophy to a representative of Adamson High School. A number of awards were given out.

## Utah Society

Washington's Birthday was marked by the Society with a February dinner at the Weber State College Union Building in Ogden. Ogden Mayor Robert A. Madsen offered attendees a perceptive view of the first President's character and personality.

Former Utah Congressman Dan Marriott gave the **Salt Lake City Chapter** an insider's analysis of problems facing Congress when he spoke to the group's luncheon in January.

"Reflections of the American Revolution in Latin America" was the subject of a January address to the **Ogden Chapter** by J. Henry Ibarguen, Professor of Latin American History, Weber State College.

## Virginia Society

In February members of the **George Washington Chapter** were treated to a talk by the new Resident Director of Mount Vernon Estates, John Harbour. He pointed out that in 1984, over one million visitors came to the historic site, with the TV series on George Washington helping to boost this total over previous years.

Guest speaker at the Society's 95th Annual Convention in Richmond was Lt. Gen. Daniel O. Graham, USA (Ret), who is serving as Director of High Frontier, Inc. A widely distinguished and experienced officer over a period of many years, he centered his remarks on the "Star Wars" program. The meeting also featured unveiling of the new 18-cent George Washington stamp, as reported elsewhere in this issue of the magazine.

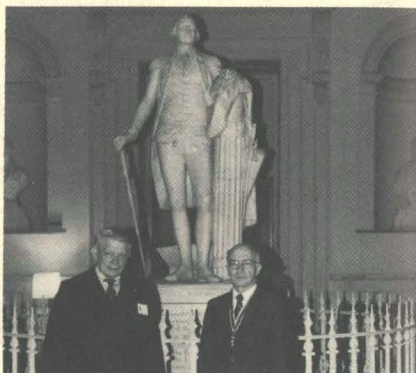
## Washington Society



When Compatriot William G. Goodloe (center) was installed as a State Supreme Court Justice (he had been a Circuit Court Judge), a number of Society and Chapter representatives were on hand at the Supreme Court Building in Olympia (from left): Wm. Taylor Gillespie, President of the **Seattle Chapter**; Frank C. Moffett, Washington Society Secretary; Vance E. Senter, Past Society President; and Carl G. Stillman, Past Society President. This photo was taken by Joseph W. Marshall of the **Seattle Chapter**.



At a recent Society meeting, President Ronald M. Smith (left) accepted from **Ogden Chapter** President Donnell B. Stewart a gift to the Society of a lithograph of the painting, "Washington at Valley Forge," created by Utah artist Arnold Friberg.



During a recent meeting of the **Richmond Chapter** in the Virginia Capitol, newly elected President John W. Moore (left) and Vice President Chester E. May posed before the famous Hudon statue of George Washington.

# Council of State Presidents Has Rich History of Service

As they have for over a decade at each Annual Congress, **State Society representatives making up today's Council of State Presidents will gather in Louisville during the 95th Annual Congress. The following story about this important group was prepared from background information submitted by the Council's Secretary-Treasurer, Jack K. Carmichael, at the request of the Editor. He had held this position for nine years.**

The Council actually began in 1972 with another name: The State President's Caucus. The initial get-together was a breakfast to which Compatriot Carmichael, the newly elected President of the Indiana Society, invited fellow Society Presidents on the opening day of the Indianapolis Congress. He had attended a few Congresses prior to that time, but found little opportunity to meet with others on their way to becoming President of their respective Societies and to discuss matters of mutual interest. Accepting the invitation, thus becoming the Council's Founders, in addition to Compatriot Carmichael, were 18 other Society Presidents who formed the Caucus. Others on hand were President General Eugene C. McGuire, Secretary General Ryall S. Morgan (elected President General at that Congress), Executive Secretary Warren S. Woodward and Indiana's Immediate Past President, Marshall E. Miller.

The brevity of the breakfast, required so

that attendees could be at the Congress' opening at 9 am, prevented several Presidents from having sufficient opportunity to discuss ideas and ask questions. By unanimous decision, a similar breakfast was requested for the next day.

### "Statement of Principles" Approved

Prior to adjournment, Compatriot Carmichael produced a prepared statement that he read, entitled "Statement of Principles." He then invited all those who were interested, to sign it. It was passed around the room and, when it had returned to the proposer, it showed that all Presidents had affixed their signatures.

The Tuesday morning breakfast session was attended by many more than the first day, simply because some Presidents returned with their immediate predecessors, others with their expected successors. Thus, the "tradition" of three Council members from each Society was begun. There were some who wanted to meet again for breakfast on Wednesday and necessary arrangements were made.

Tuesday's session brought agreement on a general format for the Palm Beach Congress in 1973: the host Society's President would preside at one breakfast session, on Monday, and there would be a Tuesday afternoon session when more time would allow for detailed discussions.

It was at Palm Beach that the Caucus saw a need to have some type of record or minutes; Florida Society President Matthew B. Sellers prevailed upon Florida's Secretary, John D. Williams, to render assistance. His typed minutes were mailed, subsequently, to those in attendance, as well as to those Presidents who had not been present. This practice has been followed each year since.

After Palm Beach, the Caucus met in two sessions at the Baltimore Congress, with even greater attendance — and acceptance — among eligible members. It had been decided at Palm Beach that the group should restrict its membership to three from each Society, to try to retain some informality and to prevent an unwieldy group from being formed and enlarged each successive year.

### Nominating Committee Formed

It was at the Boston Congress in 1975 when the Caucus was given the responsibility of choosing three of its own members to serve on the new National Society Nominating Committee. This occurred when the Congress adopted an amendment to the National Bylaws — the so-called "Indiana Resolution" — to establish a Nominating Committee for the first time at the national level. Although State Societies and Chapters had had Nominating Committees, there was no similar procedure established for selecting nominees for General Offices. The amendment, since amended, provided for a

Nominating Committee consisting of five Past Presidents General, three State Presidents (selected by the Caucus), and two Trustees (appointed by the President General), with the Immediate Past President General to serve as Chairman.

The Caucus became more formal after the Philadelphia Congress, when it adopted a Constitution which provided for officers, dues, and other parts of a structure not existing previously. Another significant act was the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by former President General Walter R. Martin, to come up with recommendations on planning and arrangements for future Annual Congresses.

In 1977, at the Milwaukee Congress, the National Society's Bylaws were amended with language which greatly altered the former Caucus. In addition to receiving a new name, The Council of State Presidents, the organization was given official status in the National Society as a new Standing Committee. The latter action can be credited to Past President General Richard H. Thompson, Jr., who was Chairman of the Bylaws Committee reporting at the time. Most other changes, considered as improvements by most, were contained in a "Proposed Substitute in place of Proposed Amendment No. 7," concerning appointment of members to the National Nominating Committee. Amendment No. 7 had been proposed by the Bylaws Committee, and the "Proposed Substitute," which was adopted with support of Chairman Thompson, had been drawn up by then-Vice Chairman Carmichael of the Caucus.

The Louisville Congress, in 1978, provided the impetus for restructuring the Council, following the significant action at Milwaukee. A committee was appointed by then-Chairman Asa E. Phillips, Jr., to develop a proposal for consideration by the Council at the next Congress in San Diego.

### Rules Adopted

The Council's "Rules of Procedure" were adopted unanimously at San Diego in 1979, following affirmative action to rescind the old Constitution of the former Caucus. The organization and procedures of the Council presently in existence result from the efforts of the Rules Committee, chaired by Compatriot John D. Williams.

It has been traditional for the Monday breakfast session to be a time for the Council members to become acquainted, or reacquainted, and for the Tuesday afternoon session to be a time for exchanging ideas and learning from others.

Council Rules provide for three classes of membership, with only State Presidents, Immediate Past Presidents, and Presidents-elect (who might have another title, which varies among the Societies) having votes on Council business. In order to recognize the innovation of those who signed the initial statement in 1972, Council Rules call them "Founding Members." The third class consists of Ex Officio Members — all who have served as officers of either the Caucus or of the Council.

## State Society, Chapter News

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## Wisconsin Society

The development of the United States Constitution and the role that Washington played in a historic series of related events was the subject of a slide-illustrated address to the Society in February by James A. Williams, a member of the Illinois Society who currently serves as Chairman of the NSSAR Museum Board. The presentation was well-received by SARs, DARs, C.A.R.'s and representatives of other hereditary organizations attending a special luncheon in Milwaukee. Receiving the Medal of Appreciation was DAR State Regent Hope Niedling, in recognition of her commendable cooperation with the Society, especially in the area of membership recruitment.

The February meeting of the **Nathaniel Ames Chapter** featured an address by Dean Thomas Waltermann of the University of Wisconsin — Janesville. He discussed "Slaves and Slavery and the Revolutionary Period."





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**Mobile Chapter.** Dinner meeting 6:30 last Thurs Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov. Ladies, visiting SARs & guests welcome. For info call (205) 661-4705.

**Tennessee Valley Chapter.** Normally, Dinner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 3rd Tues. of month at Western Sizzling, 3007 Memorial Pkwy., SW, Huntsville, AL. (No meetings in June — August). For info call Treas. Col. James F. Nixon (205) 881-0647.

**Tuscaloosa Chapter** meets first Wednesday monthly year-round at the University Club. Call C. J. Williams, Sec. (205) 758-8333.

### ARIZONA

**Palo Verde Chapter** meets for breakfast the second Saturday of every month except July and August at 9:00 a.m., Sir George's Royal Buffet, 7000 E. Main, Mesa. Phone Joe Simpson (602) 996-1884 or John Williams (602) 962-9208. Compatriots, their ladies, and guests are welcome!

**Phoenix Chapter** meets every Tues. noon at Phoenix Press Club in Valley Bank Center, Van Buren St. & Central Ave. For info. call L. D. Wilson, 994-8466.

**Saguaro Chapter** meets for breakfast on 3rd Sat. monthly except July & Aug. at 8:30 a.m., Tom Tate's Buffet, Peoria & 107 Ave., Sun City.

**Tucson Chapter.** Luncheon meeting at noon 3rd Wednesday monthly, except July & August. Phone John F. Newell: (602) 297-5602.

### CALIFORNIA

**Oakland Chapter** meets 6:30 pm fourth Monday in Jan., Feb., Mar., & Oct. Lake Merritt Buffet, 336 Grand Ave., Oakland. Luncheon meetings in May and Sept. held elsewhere. Call (415) 754-2291 for info.

**Redwood Empire Chapter.** Luncheon meeting at noon, 1st Tues. monthly except July & Aug. at Oakmont Inn, Santa Rosa.

**San Diego Chapter.** Meet 3rd Sat., monthly, noon luncheon, Admiral Kidd club, Harbor Dr. Ph. Sec. 296-3595, (No meeting June, July & Dec).

**Santa Barbara Chapter,** Noon luncheon meeting at University Club, 1332 Santa Barbara St. on first Monday of every month but ph. Treas. 966-7008 for confirmation of date.

### FLORIDA

**Boca-Deerfield Chapter.** Luncheon meetings 11:30 a.m. 3rd Wednesday monthly at L'Hexagone Restaurant, 1600 North Federal Highway, Boca Raton, Florida. Phone Treasurer John Hoffstot: AC305 395-0195.

**Brevard Chapter.** Join us for lunch, 3rd Sat. monthly at noon. Later, visit the Kennedy Space Center for a conducted tour on air cond. bus. Call Pres. L. O. Healy at (305) 452-7914.

**Caloosa Chapter.** Fort Myers, Luncheon meeting at noon 2nd Wed. monthly, except June, July, Aug. Phone Sec. Nevin E. Salot (813) 334-6840.

**Central Florida Chapter,** Orlando. Luncheon 11:45 a.m., 2nd Sat. except June, July & Aug. at Officer's Club Naval Training Center. Wives invited. Ph. Cecil Bothwell, 841-2827.

**Clearwater Chapter.** Luncheon or dinner meet-

ing the first Thursday each month except June, July, August. All SARs and their ladies welcome. For time, place, reservations, call Treasurer Edward Bryant, 446-7335.

**DeLand Chapter.** Luncheon meetings 11:45 a.m., 2nd Mon. monthly. Call 736-0567 for location.

**Fort Lauderdale Chapter.** Luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. second Tuesday every month at the Tower Club atop the Landmark Bank Building, Broward Avenue and 3rd Street, Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Phone R.C. Van Sickle, President.

**Miami Chapter.** Monthly meetings except July, September and February, are held on the Fourth Friday at Noon at the University of Miami Faculty Club, 1550 Brescia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33124. Special observance Washington's Birthday (Feb.), 4th of July, Constitution Week (Sept.) and Veteran's Day (Nov.). Visiting SARs and Ladies welcome. Call LTC Frederick R. Snyder, Jr. (305) 261-4542 or 666-4528.

**Naples Chapter** meets at 11:45 a.m., 2nd Monday monthly, at Hospitality House Cafeteria, 2355 No. Tamiami Trail, Naples. Unstructured meetings during June, July, August, and Sept. For information call President John Taylor (774-5246) or Secretary Don Dilworth (394-3736).

**Ocala Chapter.** Generally 3rd Tues., 11:45 a.m. Rustic Inn, 754 N.E. 25th Ave., Ocala, Interstate 75 at State Rt. 40 exit. SAR's and their ladies welcome. Call Pres. William K. Holt, 694-5304.

**Palm Beach Chapter** meets 3rd Mon. except Feb, Jun, Jul, Aug, at Helen Wilkes Hotel 201 N. Flagler Dr., W. Palm Beach. In Feb., the annual Washington Birthday Banquet will be held at another location on or about Feb. 22nd. For info. call Pres. Gregory A. Parkinson (305) 588-3886.

**St. Petersburg Chapter.** Luncheon meetings 12 noon 2nd Sat. monthly except June, July & Aug. Special observance Washington's Birthday & Constitution Day. SAR's welcome. Phone 360-7884 or 898-7349.

**Saramana Chapter, Sarasota.** 366-3920.

**Suncoast Chapter.** New Port Richey. Luncheon 12:00 noon 3rd Wed. monthly except June, July, August. Visiting SARs and ladies welcome. Call Pres. Ed Frazee (813) 934-0308, or Sec. Bob Rouse (813) 863-6768.

**Treasure Coast Chapter.** Meeting 3rd Saturday every month (except June, July, August and Sep-

tember) at Sheraton Hotel, 4700 North Highway A1A, Vero Beach, Florida 32960. (Telephone 305-231-1600) Social hour starts at noon. Meeting at 12:30. Compatriots, wives & guests welcome.

### GEORGIA

**Atlanta Chapter** meets 12:00 noon 2nd Friday of each month, Terrace Garden Inn, 3405 Lenox Rd., NE. Special meetings Washington's B'day, 4th of July, Constitution Day, Veterans Day. For more information contact Sec. Lewie Dunn, P.O. Box 31, Fairburn, GA 30213, Tel. No. (404) 964-8565. While you are in the Atlanta area visit the GA Society Headquarters and Research Center located in the Old Campbell County Courthouse corner of E. Broad and Cole Streets, Fairburn, 15 mins south of the Atlanta Airport off I-85 EXIT 12, 1 mile West to E. Broad on GA Hwy 74 then 6 blocks north on E. Broad.

### INDIANA

**Continental Chapter,** Muncie. Dinner meetings in February, June, September, and November. Group observance of USA APPRECIATION SUNDAY on 3rd Sunday each October. Call Secretary Jack K. Carmichael (317) 282-2475 for details.

### LOUISIANA

**Louisiana Society.** Luncheon at Noon 2nd Thurs. monthly at the Pendennis Club, 115 University Pl., New Orleans.

**Galvez Chapter.** Luncheon at noon, 4th Tuesdays monthly at the University Club, 401 Market St., Shreveport. Except June, July, Aug., Dec. **Gen Philemon Thomas Chapter,** Baton Rouge. Noon, 1st Tues. monthly at the Bocage Racquet Club, 7600 Jefferson Hwy.

### MARYLAND

**John Paul Jones Chapter,** Annapolis, Chapter House, 106 Cathedral Street, 263-5800 or 798-4531. Midshipmen sons of SAR's welcome.

### MASSACHUSETTS

**Cape Cod Chapter** holds luncheon meeting on 4th Sat. at 12:00 noon. Cleaver Restaurant, Orleans, except Jun-Jul-Aug. Picnic in Aug. at Gray's Beach, Yarmouthport, for SARs & wives, DARs, CARs, and guests. Call 945-0190 or 394-1950 for advice.

### MISSOURI

**Ozark Mountain Chapter,** Springfield, meet 3rd Sat. Monthly except Aug. Noon. Market Place Cafeteria 2633 N. Kansas. SARs, Wives, Guests. For information, Sec. Mike Kelly (417) 887-3073.

**John Woolard Chapter,** Richmond 64085, meets 2nd Thursday each month. Happy Hour 6-7. Dinner steak or prime rib. Country Place, Wollard Ave. 13 Hi-Way. For info call State President Charles Rainwater Wollard 816-776-8953.

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