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**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 526-5758 or 360-4227.

**Saramana Chapter:** Bradenton, Sarasota and Venice. Meets Noon 2nd Friday, except July & August. Call (941) 966-6809.

**Suncoast Chapter** meets 3rd Sat. 12 noon except June, July & Aug. Call 868-8105 or 376-1745. Wives and friends welcome.

**Treasure Coast Chapter.** Lunch mtgs, noon 3rd Sat at Hodges Restaurant, 100 S. Hwy #1, Vero Beach. Call Secretary: 407/234-4559.

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**Atlanta Chapter** meets noon, 2nd Thursday each month, 57th Fighter Group, 3829 Clairmont Rd. For info: J.W. Newton (404) 457-4260.

**Piedmont Chapter** meets at 8:15 a.m. 3rd Saturday each month, Hometown Grille, 29 S. Main Street, Alpharetta, GA. For info call Bill Winn, 770-475-2545.

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**Independence Patriots Chapter,** Independence, meets 9 a.m. 3rd Saturday each month except July, Aug. Call Pres. Kenneth F. Crabtree (816) 353-3835.

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# GEORGE WASHINGTON'S



WAR SW O R D

The  
**President General's**  
**Message**

Distinguished Compatriots:

The joyous season of Christmas is behind us and the balance of the 1996-1997 year is ahead. I am happy to report that our Committees have been working hard on their programs and as a result the Society is pleased to report real progress.

The Number One Committees this year, as we all know, deal with membership, membership retention, and membership reinstatement. All are active and working, but according to statistics will have to do even better between now and the end of our 96-97 year. All Vice-Presidents General and State Society Presidents are ex officio members of these all important committees.

In just a few more months our year will end and the statistics will be made available showing which States and Districts have been most successful in increasing our membership.

Certainly a highlight of our year will be the Recognition of Spain and Remembrance in England. Our SAR Ambassador Donald Pennell of the Michigan Society has just released the itineraries, dates, and costs. Eleven nights will be spent in Spain. The purpose, of course, is to honor that nation for its monetary and military contributions to the colonies during the Revolutionary War. This will be followed later in the United States with presentation of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal to King Juan Carlos I - and giving him his Life Membership in the SAR. The timing of his trip to our country still must be worked out.

The Remembrance in England will begin on May 11th. The purpose of this visit is to honor the some 3,000 Patriot seamen who were held in Forton Goal (Prison) and in the Mill Millbay Goal (Prison) in Gosport.

The Compatriots and their ladies who participate in this painstakingly planned visit to Spain and the United Kingdom are in for a treat they will treasure always.

The first part of my year as your President General has been a most enjoyable experience. My dear wife Jean accompanies me on all District and State visits and you can be assured that is a special plus for me.

We have been to various parts of the country during the past six months and it has been a very rewarding time for Jean and myself. One group is nicer than the other and their many courtesies are so appreciated.

I want to thank all of you for your kind support in so many ways during this first six months. I know you will continue the same for the second six months and as a result our June report will be great. Great because of your support. Many Thanks.

Best Regards,

*Reon G. Hillegass, Jr.*  
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P.G. NSSAR



Dignitaries attending the 1996 Sons & Daughters Gala Ball sponsored by the 1st New York Continental Chapter of the Empire State Society included (from left): Chapter President and Mrs. Charles T. Galbraith; NSDAR President General Mrs. Doria Eaton Kemper; and NSSAR President General Reon G. Hillegass. Mrs. Galbraith serves as Regent of the DAR New York Chapter. A news story about the November event appears elsewhere in this issue of the magazine.



A highlight of the PG's travels last year was participation in the 216th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, as detailed in a story beginning on page 4. He is shown here with John C. Echerd, President of the Tennessee Society's John Sevier Chapter viewing a portrait of Sevier, one of the battle's heroes.

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**Battle Of Kings Mountain Commemorated**

The 216th anniversary of this critical conflict was marked by President General Reon G. Hillegass and State Societies.



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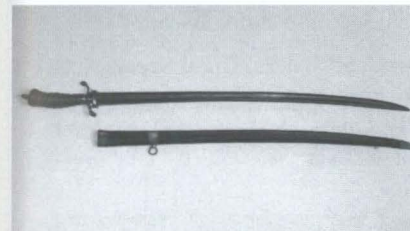
This South Carolina area was the site of a disastrous rout of the Patriots by British forces.



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Manufactured by John Bailey, the General's favorite weapon was carried throughout much of the Revolutionary War.



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Point Pleasant, West Virginia drew scores of Compatriots in October to celebrate this decisive engagement.



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The commemorative program centered around the United States Monument, which is situated within the expansive Kings Mountain National Military Park. Shown is the large aggregation of partici-



pants in the impressive event, including numerous State Societies and Chapters. Also on hand were members of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## Battle Of Kings Mountain Commemorated

Passing along the trail from the Visitors Center at the Kings Mountain National Military Park that leads to the imposing United States Monument, Compatriots celebrating the American Rebel's 1780 victory hardly noticed the small monument and rock cairn behind it that mark the burial place of the British commander of the Southern Loyalist force, Colonel Patrick Ferguson. Those who did saw its crumbling face and the disarray of the stones on the cairn, reminding them of the similar fate that befell Ferguson's force at the hands of the ragtag militia of "backwater, overmountain" men of 216 years ago.

The 216th anniversary of that Rebel victory held at the National Military Park on October 7, 1996 was led for the first time in memory by a President General. PG Reon G. Hillegass, Jr and a complement of 40 of his Compatriots participated in the Memorial Service for the 28 militiamen of the "overmountain" army killed in that engagement. Ten State Societies and 25 Chapters – plus four NSDAR units and the Overmountain Victory Trails Association – were represented at the commemoration where 20 wreaths were presented at the Monument in their honor.

The celebration at the Park followed a luncheon at a nearby country church in

honor of the arrival of the Trail Marchers, who were re-enacting the 1780 historical event – hosted by several NSDAR Chapters of the surrounding areas in both North and South Carolina. The National Park Superintendent, Andrew M. Loveless, and President General Hillegass were acknowledged also at that assembly.

### President General Guest Speaker

The events at the Visitors Center began at 3:00 pm, the exact time of the arrival and start of the battle in 1780 by the "over-



Overmountain Marcher par excellence, Georgia Society Compatriot David H. Hoss, Sr. (left) surveyed the United States Monument after the ceremony with President General Reon G. Hillegass (center) and Andrew M. Loveless, Superintendent of Kings Mountain National Military Park.

mountain" men from their settlements in the valleys and mountains of southwestern Virginia, (now) eastern Tennessee and the occupied areas of North and South Carolina and Georgia. At the Center, the

PG delivered a talk on the background and events of the battle and the impact the American victory had on British occupation of the Carolinas and Georgia. The British campaign in the South had been intensified to defeat the rebellious colonies after the American victory at Saratoga in the North.

Superintendent Loveless was Master of Ceremonies. The President General's address had been moved to the Visitors Center from the Park amphitheater for, as on that October 7th 216 years ago, a persistent drizzle of rain drove the more than 180 participants and spectators indoors. The assembled delegations were excited in the early afternoon with the arrival of a bus load of 31 Compatriots and Daughters from Asheville in western North Carolina. The Edward Buncombe Chapter, North Carolina Society, NSDAR had organized the commemorative tour with the cooperation of NCSSAR Area Vice President Clarence D. Williams and the President of the NCSSAR Blue Ridge Chapter, Charles N. Sullivan. The bus group had followed much of the Overmountain Victory Trail throughout the morning with stops at points of interest to hear informative lectures by Dr. Kenneth D. Israel.

### Commemorative Wreaths Placed

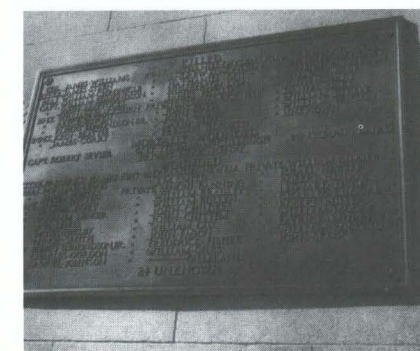
The rain did not inhibit the colorful procession of Compatriots and Trail Marchers to the U.S. Monument which was led by an infantry unit from Ft. Jackson, SC and the Georgia Society Color Guard augmented by individual Color Guards from Indiana and West Virginia. The combined military and SAR Color Guards served as uniformed escorts for the President General and the Park Superintendent. The President General placed the NSSAR commemorative wreath at the base of the Monument escorted by a Compatriot carrying his personal flag and members of the Georgia Society Color Guard. The wreath was placed next to one offered earlier by the Grand Marshall of the 1996 March, Blair Keller. In turn and in a similar manner, the wreaths of 16 SAR organizations and four NSDAR chapters were presented to extend the line of ceremonial wreaths along the base of the monument. The ceremony was closed with a haunting rendition of Taps by a military bugler echoing over the mountain.

The Overmountain Victory Trail Association (OVTA) is dedicated to increasing general knowledge of the historic battle through its annual re-enactment of the march taken by the frontier militiamen in 1780. The March, all or part of the 220 miles from Abingdon, VA on the federally-designated National Historic Trail, passes through Sycamore Shoals (near Elizabethtown, TN), where, as in 1780, the Marchers from the west joined the Virginians. The Marchers (and the militia force) were augmented farther into North Carolina by others from the Carolinas and Georgia.

The SAR was represented on the 1996 March by Compatriot David J. Hoss, Sr. of the Georgia Society who is a great, great, great grandson of Col. John Sevier, an officer in the battle. The final campsite of the Marchers was at the Cowpens National Battlefield a few miles to the southwest – again duplicating the movement of the overmountain men in 1780 who stopped at Hannah's Cowpens, SC.

### Background Of The Engagement

Turning to the 1780 campaign, Col Ferguson, who had been protecting the left flank of Cornwallis' army as it moved north toward Virginia, had issued warnings to the rebels on the western frontier to cease their rebellious activities. The challenge was taken. The Virginia and Carolina militiamen formed up and, in fact, began a pursuit of Ferguson who decided to defend a position on Kings Mountain as the overmountain men got nearer to him.



This plaque of the United States Memorial lists Patriots who were killed or wounded at the Battle of Kings Mountain. One of those shown is Nathaniel Gist, the ancestor of Immediate Former President General William C. Gist.

The October 7 engagement lasted but an hour, with Ferguson's 1,125 well-disciplined Southern Loyalists and a smaller unit of New York Loyalists trained as British regulars maneuvering and fighting in formations. The Loyalists, with positions around the upper slopes of the mountain, fired down on the Rebels – often over their heads – followed by bayonet charges. The 1,300 militiamen repelled the charges with the accurate fire of their rifles from dispersed positions, and then pressed their advantage with bayonet rushes of their own up the slopes on all sides of the mountain that Ferguson thought he could defend.

The militia tactics had been agreed upon by the Rebel commanders – Isaac Shelby, John Sevier, Benjamin Cleveland, Charles McDowell and Joseph Winston, all of North Carolina, and William Campbell of Virginia who had been elected commander minutes before the start of the attack. It was a complete rout of the Loyalists, with Ferguson and 224 others killed, 716 taken prisoner and 163 wounded left to die.



President General Reon G. Hillegass was escorted to the United States Monument by three members of the Georgia Society's Color Guard (from left): Robert E. Landran, FPG James R. Westlake and Guard Commander Benjamin F. Miller. Carrying the PG's personal NSSAR Flag was Paul M. Frantz.

Several of the prisoners were soon executed because of their acts during earlier raids – amid cries of "Tarleton's Quarter" a reference to the earlier massacre by his force of rebels at the Waxhaws – and a cry by the Rebels heard throughout the battle. The Americans saw 28 killed and 62 wounded.

### Defeat Of British Important

Historians agree that the Kings Mountain defeat of Ferguson began the long slide of British domination of the Revolution in the South. With the news of the American victory, Loyalist support waned as militia enlistments increased in the Piedmont and mountains of Virginia and North Carolina. A few months later brought the defeat of Col. Banastre Tarleton's force at Cowpens and in the next March the costly victory of Lord Cornwallis' army over that of

*This report about the October 7th commemorative program at famed Kings Mountain National Military Park was prepared by Virginia Society Compatriot Paul M. Frantz. Active at all levels of our Society, he is serving as Chairman of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee, which is responsible for preserving, marking and interpreting historic sites and buildings. Elsewhere in this issue of the magazine is his report on a program held in mid-October at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, where the first battle of the Revolutionary War took place.*



One of the many wreaths placed at the base of the United States Monument was from the Overmountain Victory Trails Association. Participating in this ceremony were (from left): Former President General James R. Westlake, a member of the Georgia Society's Color Guard; President General Reon G. Hillegass; March Marshall Blair Keller; and Benjamin Miller, Commander of the Color Guard.

Gen Nathanael Greene's at Guilford Courthouse, NC.

Eight months later, Cornwallis surrendered his army at Yorktown to a Continental army which had been reorganized and positioned in the period during



This monument is dedicated to Col. Patrick Ferguson, the defeated British commander at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Behind is a cairn of rocks covering his grave.

the British engagements with the Rebel militia forces harassing his movements through the Carolinas to the north.

#### Broad SAR Participation

These organizations placed wreaths at the U.S. Monument: PG Hillegass; The

Overmountain Victory Trail Association by President R.G. Absher, Jr.; District of Columbia Society by President Andrew M. Johnson; Georgia Society by David J. Hoss, Sr. and Robert F. Galer; Maryland Society by Chaplain Rev. Pardee Boliek; Virginia Society by Vice President Paul M. Frantz; West Virginia Society by Secretary George Vaughan; Indiana Society by Alternate National Trustee Lowell Nichols; North Carolina Society by President Thomas N. Clark; South Carolina Society by President William Darnell; Tennessee Society by John C. Echerd; VASSAR's Fincastle Resolutions Chapter by National Trustee Donald E. Dye; VASSAR's Thomas Jefferson Chapter by President Trice Taylor; NCSSAR's Alamance Battleground Chapter by President Robert Day; NCSSAR's Mecklenberg Chapter by President Ralph Nesslinger; NCSSAR's Daniel Morgan Chapter by Joseph Kirby and Tom Vaughn; TNSSAR's Stephen Holston Chapter by Wayne Reynolds in honor of his ancestor, Robert Young; and the TNSSAR's John Sevier Chapter by President John Echerd, who placed a portrait of Col. John Sevier on display at the Visitors Center.

Other SAR groups with representatives at the Memorial Service serving as color guards, flag bearers and escorts were: GASSAR Color Guard, Benjamin Miller,

Commander; GASSAR Compatriots Robert E. Landram, FPG James R. Westlake, Robert D. Price, Herbert B. Brasselton, Sr., Robert F. Galer and Leonard E. Garrad; GASSAR's Atlanta,



One of the wreaths presented was on behalf of the DAR Indiana Society. Doing the honors was Mrs. JoAnne Nichols, Corresponding Secretary.

Coweta Falls, Lyman Hall, Altamaha, George Walton and Samuel Butts Chapters; MDSSAR's Col. Nicholas R. Moore Chapter; FLSSAR's Alternate National Trustee Rollin L. Bauchspies and Charles Wingate; Stanley A. Evans,



Overmountain Victory Trail Association Marchers included (from left): Orville Clayton of Florida, Gene Cunningham, Blair Keller and Georgia Society Compatriot David J. Hoss, Sr.

FLSSAR, who serves as Vice-President General for the South Atlantic District; SCSSAR's President Dr. Lynwood D. Jordan, Sr. and Daniel Morgan Chapter Compatriots William Allgood and Samuel Wood; VASSAR's Norfolk Chapter President William Guerry and George Washington Chapter President Robert Crawley; NCSSAR's Nathanael Greene, Blue Ridge, Mecklenberg and Alamance Battleground Chapters; NCSSAR Compatriots George Bass (National Trustee), Hollis Cahoon, Richard Eisenman, Charles Sullivan and Clarence D. Williams; and WVSSAR's Point Pleasant Chapter.

the mountain to the United States Government for the purpose of developing it into what today is a National Military Park.

While President General and Mrs. Reon G. Hillegass were walking the battlefield trails following the October Memorial Service at the Park, they paused to examine a small black monument – which to their surprise was a memorial to Asbury Coward. He was known to her as a cousin of one of her grandfathers, that family's "most prestigious member."

A graduate of The Citadel at age 19 in 1855, Coward established with a partner the Kings Mountain Military Academy at nearby York which they reopened after the Civil War. From 1882 until 1890, he served as State Superintendent of Education in the state, then returned to The Citadel as its Superintendent until 1908. He died in 1925.

General Robert E. Lee, according to family history, once wrote that, "Colonel Asbury Coward is the best Colonel in the Confederate Army."

Mrs. Hillegass stated that she was happy to have found the Coward marker and is proud to know more about her "very distant cousin."



President General Reon G. Hillegass and his wife, Jean, posed at the memorial to Col. Asbury Coward, a distant cousin. With them were members of the Georgia Society's Color Guard (from left): Robert E. Landram, FPG James R. Westlake and Guard Commander Benjamin F. Miller.

## Baltimore Beckons SARs, Guests To 107th Annual Congress In July

What are you doing this year on the Fourth of July?

One of the best bets is to trek to Baltimore, Maryland just before the 107th Annual Congress opens on the 5th and enjoy a cruise of the Inner Harbor highlighted by a spectacular fireworks display that evening. This limited-availability, four-hour event will encompass a Hard Crabs Baltimore-style buffet and opportunities to view a variety of sites including Fort McHenry of War of 1812 fame. Note the form at the bottom of this page for making advance reservations.

The form also describes an optional tour of historic Annapolis – home of the United States Naval Academy – and a post-Congress one to Washington, DC to visit the Headquarters of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

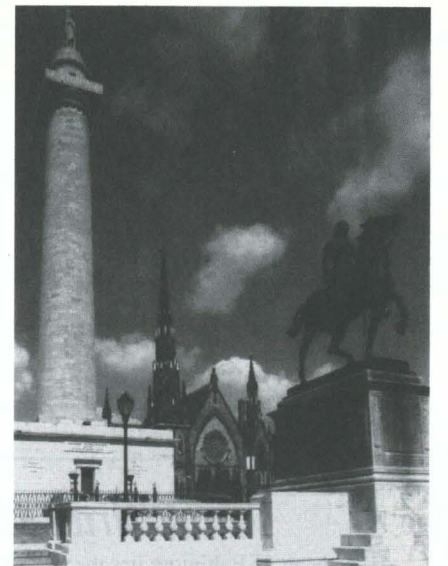
#### Hyatt To Be Headquarters Hotel

Overlooking the Inner Harbor in downtown Baltimore, the Hyatt Regency will serve as the center of activities for the Congress, scheduled to run July 5th through the 9th. Featured are nearly 500 guest rooms, plus 54 on the 12th floor that are reached through closed access from elevators and boast upgraded amenities. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are offered at convenient hours in the casual "Bistro 300" on the 3rd floor, while fine dining for

lunch and dinner is the specialty of "Berry & Elliot's" on the rooftop. Exercise enthusiasts will seek out the swimming pool, tennis courts, jogging track and facilities in the Harbor Nautilus (state-of-the-art equipment, whirlpool, dry heat saunas and other services). Room registrations, including those for suites, may be made through the form appearing on page 10. Parking in the garage next to the hotel for guests is \$10.00 per day.

The Hyatt is about 8 miles from Baltimore-Washington International Airport. The SuperShuttle fare is \$10 one way or \$15 round trip. For two or more people it will be quicker and less expensive to take the BWI Airport cab for \$18 one way. Of interest to those who plan to fly to Baltimore is a special 10% discount being offered by US Air (a story in the Fall 1996 Issue of the magazine inadvertently reported that the discount would be \$10). This applies to applicable unrestricted coach fares with seven-day advance reservation/ticketing. Call 800/334-8644 and refer to Gold File Number 26520063.

Pre-Registrations for the Congress may also be made at this time by using the form on page 9. Attention is drawn to the fact that registrations filed prior to June 2 are somewhat less in cost than waiting until later! Reservations for the Ladies Luncheon on Tuesday the 8th may be



The first formal monument to George Washington will be the site of a wreath laying ceremony on Sunday prior to the traditional Memorial Service at the nearby Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Dedicated on July 4, 1829, the structure is situated at Mount Vernon Place. (Photos depicting sites in Baltimore by Roger Miller. Courtesy Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association.)

made on the form, too. This popular annual activity – in honor of the President General's lady – will be held in the Constellation Room on the 21st floor of the World Trade Center only one block from the hotel. Offered is a breathtaking

#### RESERVATIONS OFFERED FOR SPECIAL TOURS DURING THE 107TH ANNUAL CONGRESS

FRIDAY, JULY 4 – 6:30 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M.

##### INNER HARBOR CRUISE, CRAB FEAST, FIREWORKS

Board the Lady Baltimore across the street from the Hyatt Hotel for a four-hour cruise, passing Fort McHenry, and sailing down the Patapsco River as far as the Francis Scott Key Memorial Bridge. Enjoy a Maryland-Style Hard Crabs Buffet and an open bar of beer, wine and soda. Return in time to see the spectacular Fireworks Display from the boat upon entering the Inner Harbor.

SATURDAY, JULY 5 – 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

##### TOUR OF ANNAPOLIS AND LUNCHEON AT FAMOUS INN

Travel by air-conditioned bus from the hotel for a visit to Maryland's 300-year-old capital city. A walking tour will include the State House, the oldest State Capitol in continuous use, to view where George Washington resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief. Other points of interest will include the U.S. Naval Academy. Luncheon will be at the historic 220-year-old Maryland Inn.

THURSDAY, JULY 10 – 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

##### TOUR TO DAR HEADQUARTERS AND LUNCHEON

DAR President General Mrs. Charles K. Kemper has invited Congress participants to visit DAR Headquarters, Constitution Hall and the Library in Washington, DC. Travel will be by air-conditioned bus from the hotel. Docents will conduct a complete tour of facilities, while a luncheon will be served in the upstairs Banquet Hall. Time will be available for research in the Library and Microfilm Room.

#### THIS FORM MAY ACCOMPANY CONGRESS PRE-REGISTRATION FORM, IF RECEIVED BY JUNE 2, 1997

DAY	TOUR	PRICE	NUMBER	AMOUNT	NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____  MAIL TO: NSSAR Executive Director 1000 South Fourth Street Louisville, KY 40203  (Make checks payable to "Treasurer General, NSSAR")
Fri.	Baltimore Inner Harbor	\$60.00			
Sat.	Annapolis, Incl. Luncheon	\$50.00			
Thurs.	DAR Headqtrs., Luncheon	\$35.00			
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view of the Inner Harbor and exquisite cuisine (Chesapeake Bay Crab Salad, Pasta Salad, Melon and Sherbert). Entertainment will be provided by David and Ginger Hildebrand, whose beautiful music intertwines with stories and discussions that take one back to colonial times.

The Spring Issue of the magazine, due out in May, will contain a complete schedule of Congress activities.



Entertainment for the Ladies Luncheon on Tuesday will be provided by David and Ginger Hildebrand. Proficient in such instruments as the hammered dulcimer, mandolin, baroque guitar, lute and harpsichord, they offer an unparalleled program of classical and folk music of the Revolutionary War/Colonial Era.

## Points Of Interest To Visit In Baltimore

At the heart of Baltimore lies the city's Inner Harbor – an area that has been transformed into an invigorating metropolis with a wealth of shops featuring local and international selections. Many world-class attractions can be explored without ever leaving the promenade, which is accessible via over-the-street pedestrian walkways.

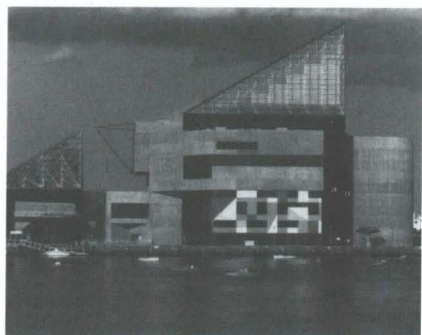
Baltimore is famous for Maryland seafood, but many fine restaurants also offer ethnic and international cuisine. Diversions range from theatre, opera and symphony to walking along the promenade. Here are but a few "musts" to visit:

**\*Antique Row Shops.** More than 75 dealers offer a large selection of fine antiques/collectibles from 18th century to Art Deco. Located in the 700-800 blocks of N. Howard Street, and the 200 block of W. Read Street – minutes from the Inner Harbor.

**\*B&O Railroad Museum.** Located at Mt. Clare Station, the oldest railroad station in the Western Hemisphere and birthplace of the B & O Railroad. More than 120 full-sized locomotives are in and around the historic building.

**\*Baltimore Maritime Museum.** Home of the *USS Torsk* submarine, which sank the last Japanese warship in World War II, and the Lightship *Chesapeake*, which served as a floating lighthouse.

**\*Baltimore Museum of Art.** Maryland's oldest and largest art museum featuring the famed Cone Collection, a world-class 20th century display. Its ever



A "must" to visit is the National Aquarium in Baltimore located at the Inner Harbor.

changing exhibitions, films, concerts and special events complement the permanent collection of over 100,000 artifacts.

**\*Baltimore Streetcar Museum.** A rolling history of streetcars in the city. Enjoy rides, tours, exhibits and a slide show in addition to a collection of streetcars from 1859-1963.

**\*Carroll Mansion.** Maryland Patriot and Declaration of Independence Signer Charles Carroll wintered here during the last years of his life (1820-1832). Elegant period furnishings.

**\*Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine.** This star-shaped fort was the site of Baltimore's victory over the British in the War of 1812. A replica of the Flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner" flies over the fort.

**\*Maryland Historical Society Museum and Library of Maryland**



An opportunity to explore historic Fort McHenry of War of 1812 fame will be offered during the Wednesday afternoon tour, which is included in the Congress Registration Fee. It was the valiant defense of the fort by American forces on September 13-14 that inspired 35-year-old, poet-lawyer Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner."

**History.** Home of Francis Scott Key's original "Star-Spangled Banner" manuscript as well as a large collection of 19th century American silver, several Peale paintings, and one of the East Coast's finest decorative arts collections.

**\*National Aquarium in Baltimore.** World-famous aquarium featuring sharks, whales, dolphins and 5,000 other creatures. Housed are 12 major themed exhibits, including the Marine Mammal Pavilion.

**\*Peale Museum.** Built in 1814 by American painter Rembrandt Peale, the museum served as Baltimore's first City Hall. Now the home of prints, photographs and Peale family paintings.

**\*Star-Spangled Banner Flag House and 1812 Museum.** Home of Mary Pickersgill, who sewed flag that flew over Fort McHenry.

### About Genealogical Research

The Maryland Historical Society, Enoch Pratt, Baltimore City Library and the Peabody Library are very close to the Hyatt Regency. The Peabody boasts a distinguished collection of English and American records. The Society naturally has much Maryland material, including ship passenger list microfilms for Baltimore and census records, but there is a great deal for other states as well. The Enoch Pratt has a good Maryland Room Collection. A short taxi ride (four people) for about \$5-6 total will get you to any one of them as they are only a few blocks apart.

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## PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – Please Print

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to "Treasurer General, NSSAR" for the following:

My Registration Fee at \$185 \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Registration(s) at \$185 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Reservations for the Ladies Luncheon on Tuesday at \$26.00 each

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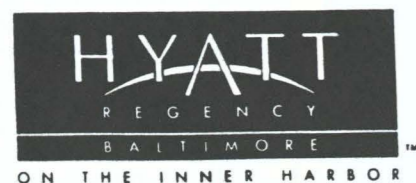
For well over a year the Maryland Society has been formulating plans for the 107th Annual Congress which is set to be held in Baltimore this coming July 5-9. Nail down your plans to attend by sending in advance registrations of \$185 for SARs and guests alike (will be \$215 after Pre-Registrations close on June 2). Just mail in the form above; attendance for the Ladies Luncheon may also be made at this time – and the Congress Planning Committee will appreciate your providing added information as indicated on the form.

The Pre-Registration Fee encompasses entry to a variety of events: Saturday Evening Reception, Sunday Memorial Service, Monday Luncheon, Tuesday and Wednesday Formal Banquets and the Wednesday Afternoon Tour of Baltimore. Registrants are invited to attend the gala Saturday Evening Reception hosted by the Maryland Society.

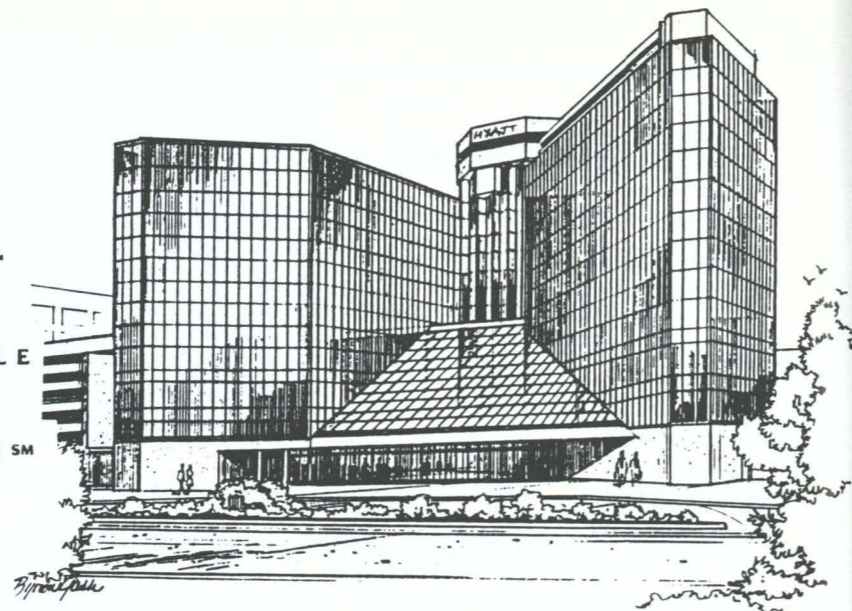
See the accompanying news story for some of the Congress details. The upcoming Spring Issue will feature even more.



Unique as a surviving colonial workingman's community, Fells Point in Baltimore is also one of the few remaining downtown waterfront residential communities on the East Coast. (Photo by Roger Miller. Courtesy Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association, 100 Light Street.)



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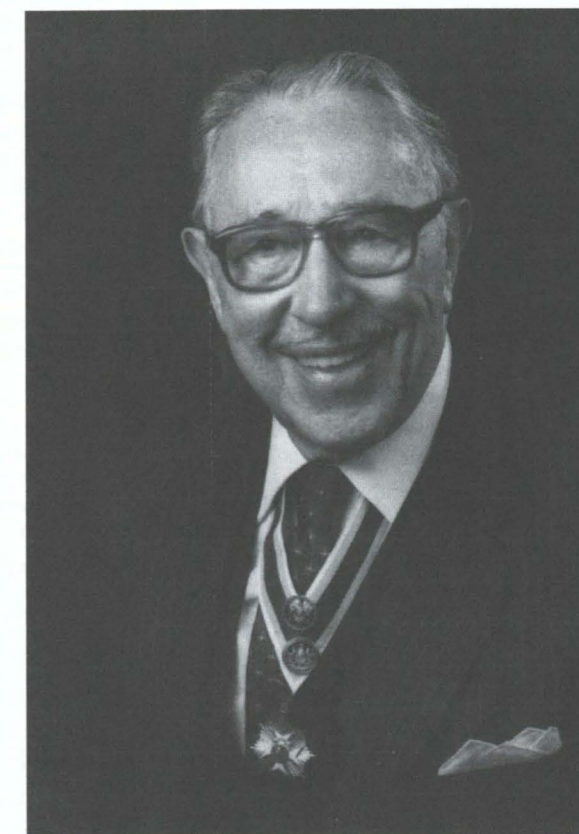
## IN OUR MEMORY

Warren Griffin Hayes, Junior, 89, 80th President General, entered into life eternal on December 26, 1996 following distinguished service and innumerable contributions to the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Compatriot Hayes, National #95078, enrolled in the Pennsylvania Society in 1967. During his long SAR career he served as President of the Philadelphia-Continental Chapter and as President and National Trustee of the Pennsylvania Society. He was Chairman of the 86th Annual Congress held in Philadelphia in 1976. He served as Secretary General 1980-1982 and was elected President General at the 93rd Annual Congress held in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 22, 1983. Compatriot and Mrs. Hayes faithfully attended the SAR Annual Congresses from 1971 to 1992.

The Bicentennial of the Signing of the Treaty of Paris on September 3, 1983 was observed during President General Hayes' tenure in office. A Special National Society SAR Congress was held in Paris from August 29 through September 3, 1983, commemorating the event. It proved to be one of the most memorable episodes in the annals of the NSSAR.

President General Hayes was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and studied at the Rutgers University Graduate School. He joined the Philadelphia National Bank, rising to the posi-



**Warren G. Hayes**  
President General  
1983-1984

tion of Vice President. He retired in 1982 after forty years of service. He was active for many years in the Pennsylvania Bankers Association.

Warren Hayes, always active in community and charitable affairs, served as President of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind. For many years he served as Elder and Treasurer of the Central Presbyterian Church, Norristown.

President General Hayes is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mabel Elizabeth (Betty) Brown; a daughter, Elisabeth Taylor Hayes Barrett; and a granddaughter, Susan Elisabeth Barrett.

President General Warren Hayes held a great affection for the SAR. His guidance and experience will be greatly missed. The National Society is left with a grateful memory of friendship and accomplishments.

*(This tribute to Former President General Hayes was prepared by FPG Carl F. Bessent, a long time friend).*



A highlight of PG Hayes' term was his leading of a trip to France and England to commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Paris. Shown here was his conducting a ceremony at Picpus Cemetery in Paris where Lafayette is interred.

## Our Society Must Continue The Fight To Preserve United States History

By Dr. Arthur E. Chapman, Chairman Task Force To Preserve U.S. History

In previous articles and at a number of Trustees Meetings, your attention has been directed to George Orwell who in his 1984, shows how a regime would routinely alter records of the past and rewrite newspaper articles and books to conform to the government's party line. Offending volumes and versions are then destroyed by dropping them "into the memory hole to be devoured by the flames." Another author, Aldous Huxley, in his novel *Brave New World* utilizes similar techniques. What Huxley does in that volume is show how the dictatorship successfully wages a "campaign against the past" by banning the teaching of history, closing museums, and destroying historical monuments.

One might assume that this is nothing but the wildest fiction but don't be so sure that this is all fiction or that it could never happen. The basis of the threat to our knowledge and awareness of our unique heritage is not in danger from a totalitarian government, but from neglect and misinformation, better known today as being politically correct.

In a typical high school a student is required to take only one year of American history, one year of world history and a semester of civics. Upon arrival in college a student will find many schools require three years of "social science" which includes history, civics, political science, geography, and other related matters.

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Yet, when this student arrives upon the job market, he or she will find that most jobs (certainly all the better ones) require that they be able to communicate and have, or share, a common base of knowledge. How effective a "communicator" will he or she be if that minimum exposure to the values and experiences of our unique past has never been acquired?

#### Important To Know The Past

Does it really matter if we are ignorant of the American past? Does it truly matter at all if we know little of the individuals, events, ideas, forces, and movements that shaped our nation as well as others? As a teacher of history I believe that it matters very much and trust you also believe that it matters. For the very basis of our country, of any free country has been and is a knowledgeable citizenry.

Diane Ravitch, an educator, wrote in her article, "The Plight of History in American Schools," that "Properly taught, history teaches the pursuit of truth and understanding; it establishes a context of human life in a particular time and place...It portrays the great achievements and terrible disasters of the human race; it awakens youngsters to the universality of the human experience as well as to the particularities that distinguish cultures and societies from one another; it encourages the development of intelligence, civility, and a sense of perspective. It endows its students with a broad knowledge of other times, other cultures, other places. It leaves its students with cultural resources on which they may draw for the rest of their lives. These are values and virtues that are gained through the study of history, values and virtues essential to the free individual exercising freedom of mind."

#### Many Executives Can't Communicate

The lack of wide ranging shared knowledge of history, particularly American history, among young people in their 20s and 30s is an important reason why, as large corporations are discovering, many middle level executives cannot communicate. How many high school students would know what is meant if a company vice-president says, "that man really pulled a Benedict Arnold" or "he has met his Waterloo?" Today's high school graduates do not share much common information, even when they graduate from the same school. So how can we expect that they could do better when the "New Revised Goals 2000" has ignored, distorted and twisted our own unique and rare history and heritage.

E.D. Hirsch, Jr., in his study, *Cultural Literacy*, notes that a critical difference in



During the October 5th meeting of the National Trustees in Louisville, Task Force Chairman Arthur E. Chapman displayed a recent copy of the magazine published for members by the VFW featuring a major story on the debate over history standards

the reading performances of disadvantaged fifth graders as compared with advantaged students is the difference in their cultural knowledge. This, he believes is because background knowledge does not take care of itself. The more we read, the more knowledge we gain to facilitate further reading. Around grade four, Hirsch notes, "those who lack the initial knowledge required for significant reading begin to be left behind permanently."

Here in the United States we have no common ethnicity, as in some other countries, nor do we even have a common language, as witnessed by the 65 languages other than English that have been identified by Dade County's (Miami, Florida) students as their home language. The only "thing" that binds us together as a country is a collective memory, the concepts of democracy and liberty handed down to us, first from the 18th Century European philosophers, then through our own revolutionary forefathers, and maintained as a legacy, not without struggle and upheaval, throughout our country's history.

We must teach history, history free from political correctness, free from editing out the strands of truth, free from the distortions and myths inculcated in the so called "Revised Goals 2000." In other words, "Know you the truth and the truth shall set you free."

#### Bibliography Being Developed

Compatriots, this is an opportunity for you to participate with your National Task Force to Preserve U.S. History. We are in the process of developing a Bibliography of outstanding books on history and need your help. Upon completion, this bibliography will be placed on our website to assist students everywhere. If you know of one, two or more good books on history, please send the complete title, author, publisher, city where published, and date to:

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## Camden Battlefield Designated A National Historic Landmark

By Burton Gale, President of SCSSAR General Thomas Sumter Chapter

August 16, 1996 marked the 216th anniversary of the Battle of Camden, a disastrous rout in South Carolina for the Patriot forces in the Revolutionary War. On that date at 10 am, the DAR Hobkirk Hill Chapter - owners of a six-acre portion of the battleground - commemorated the occasion with a ceremony officially designating the Camden Battlefield as a National Historic Landmark, one of the first sites included among entries in the National Register of Historic Places.

DAR members had graciously extended the General Thomas Sumter Chapter, an invitation to participate in the program itself. Compatriot LTC Jefferson D. Jordan, Commander, 6th Police Battalion, South Carolina State Guard, presented a very effective brief history of the Battle of Camden. Burton Gale, Chapter President, delivered remarks before placing a wreath at the memorial marking the spot where Major General Baron Johann DeKalb, European soldier of fortune and hero in the fight, fell mortally wounded. Compatriot Scott Jordan assisted in placing the wreath. Setting and ceremony were impressive.

In Colonial uniform, members of the 2nd South Carolina Regiment, Revolutionary Reenactment Group, presented and retired the Colors to the accompaniment of fife and drum. Speaker for the occasion was Dr. Mark Barnes, Archaeologist, National Park Service.

The DAR has, of course, an impressive record of saving and preserving our heritage, during the 19th and early 20th centuries identifying and protecting many landmarks of historic significance. In 1909 members placed a granite monument at the battlefield to mark the spot where Baron DeKalb fell. That memorial is now

complemented with a granite shaft on which a National Park Service bronze marker is mounted.

#### Battle Lasted An Hour

The battle itself lasted barely an hour. General Horatio Gates led the Americans, mostly militia men, and Major General Lord Charles Cornwallis, the British forces. General George Washington, who wanted to march his army south but would not leave the middle colonies open to invasion, decided to send DeKalb with 1,400 Continentals to attack Cornwallis' base in Camden. Congress, however, without consulting Washington, demoted DeKalb and placed Gates in command. Gates ignored DeKalb's carefully laid plans and nearly starved his troops to death en route to Camden.



These 13 American Flags lined the roadside for the ceremony at Camden Battlefield.



Participating in the program were members of the 2nd South Carolina, Revolutionary Reenactment Group.



General Thomas Sumter Chapter President Burton Gale (right) and Compatriot Scott Jordan placed a wreath at the Baron DeKalb Memorial as part of the August 16th commemoration at Camden Battlefield.

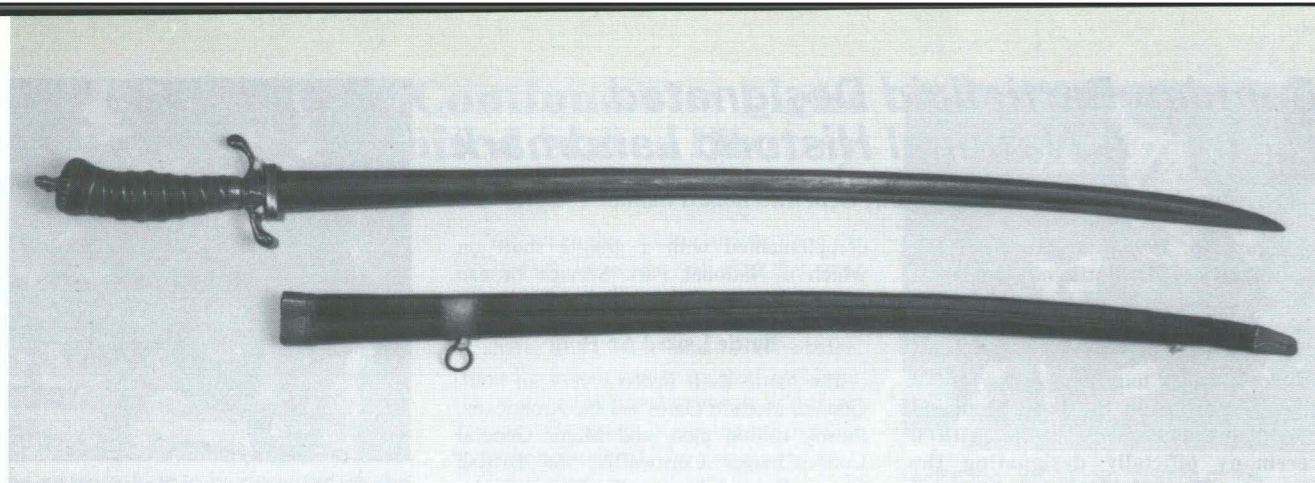
valiantly, but their reduced and unsupported force inevitably was destroyed.

The Battle of Camden, lightly regarded as it has too often been, was actually highly significant. General Washington replaced the inept Gates with General Nathanael Greene who revitalized American forces which successfully drove the British from the Southern theater. Today we have the historical perspective to realize the darkest day for American fortunes in the South was actually the dawn of victory.

#### DeKalb's Memory Lives On

DeKalb's memory is preserved through nine towns and villages and six counties bearing his name in Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and Tennessee. In Camden, a street, a school, and a nearby community are named for him. He was a real hero who throughout the Camden action valiantly tried to rally fleeing American troops. When his horse was shot out from under him, he drew his sword and resumed fighting on foot. Wounded again and again, he fought on until too weak to continue. He endured repeated bayonet thrusts by British soldiers until the victorious Cornwallis came upon the bleeding DeKalb and had him removed to Camden where he died three days later.

From his first obscure, unmarked grave he was exhumed and reburied. The grave marker is now a part of a wall of the old Robert Mills courthouse, placed there by the Hobkirk Hill Chapter of the DAR. When President Washington visited Camden on his postwar tour, he paid his respects to DeKalb at that gravesite. On an 1825 visit to America, the Marquis de LaFayette, with whom DeKalb had set sail from France in 1777 to champion the American cause, led a large procession following DeKalb's remains to his final resting place, appropriately on DeKalb Street, in the Bethesda Presbyterian Churchyard. The monument there, designed by Robert Mills, honors a hero, a soldier of fortune, a true Patriot.



With an overall length of 32.2 inches, the War Sword features a grip of green stained ivory, now cracked with age. The grip increases in diameter from quillons to pommel and is decorated

by a number of spiral grooves wound with flat silver wire. The scabbard is made of leather and encircled with throat and middle bands of silver. (Courtesy Smithsonian Institution.)

## George Washington's War Sword

Finely crafted by John Bailey, this was one of the General's favorite weapons. Carried by him during the Revolutionary War, it is now on display at the Smithsonian Institution.

By Compatriot Gary A. Trudgen

The sword that Commander-in-Chief George Washington wore at his side during much of the American Revolution is considered the most famous sword of American origin. Reported to be one of the General's favorite edged weapons, it is a finely crafted hunting sword, a style preferred by high-ranking military officers of the 18th century. Considered a national treasure today, Washington's War Sword was made by John Bailey, circa 1778, at his farm in Fishkill, NY. Both the sword and its scabbard are preserved in the collections of the Smithsonian Institution.

John Bailey, who is considered one of the more important 18th century American sword makers, was born in Yorkshire, England, circa 1736. He learned the cutler's trade in the Town of Sheffield and at the age of 19 emigrated to America with his older brother, William. They settled in New York City, then a small provincial town located at the southern tip of Manhattan Island with a population of about 11,000 Dutch and English people.

Several years after arriving in the new world John Bailey was prospering in the cutlery trade. He had a shop, *Sign of the Cross Swords*, located in a tall building that he was leasing, opposite the Merchants Coffee House. This was an excellent location because the Merchants Coffee House, located at the southeast corner

of Wall and Water Streets, was used regularly by prominent businessmen for auctions and other meetings. Bailey employed additional artisans, a clerk and for a period of time he was in partnership with James Youle, another Sheffield-trained cutler.

Bailey, now a successful and respected businessman in the community, married Ann Brickstock on May 7, 1772. The ceremony was performed by the rector of Trinity Church Parish, the Reverend Samuel Auchmuty, D.D. Over the years, their union produced seven children, two sons and five daughters.

### British Ship Attacks New York City

John's fortunes would soon reverse, however. Storm clouds were gathering between the colonies and the homeland. After open hostilities began on April 19, 1775 with skirmishes at Lexington and Concord, a British battleship, the 64-gun *Asia*, was dispatched from Boston to New York City to bolster the shaky authority of the Royal officials in New York. Late at night on Wednesday August 23, the provincials began removing cannon from Fort George, located at the southern tip of the city. As a caution against such action, the *Asia* fired several warning shots that sent the city into a frenzy. The workers, however, soon went back to their work defying the warning. Around 3 AM the *Asia* fired again

This time a full 32-gun broadside that lit up the sky and shook the city. John's wife, Ann, with an infant in her arms was on their porch when the broadside was fired. A cannon ball whizzed near her head and nearly frightened her to death. She quickly retreated into her cellar for the remainder of the night and all of the next day. Luckily for her, she was able to nourish herself with oysters that had been stored there.

This action was only a prelude of what was to come. After the British Army evacuated Boston, George Washington correctly reasoned that their next objective would be New York City. General Charles Lee of the Continental Army was dispatched to the city to construct fortifications. Lee arrived on Sunday February 4, 1776 and that same evening British General Sir Henry Clinton arrived in a 24-gun frigate, accompanied by a transport ship. With this immediate threat of war at their doorstep, the townspeople panicked and began to evacuate the city. Bailey placed his family in a wagon, along with two Negro servants and some belongings and drove north out of the city. His destination was Cortland Manor, near Peekskill, NY, the home of brother William.

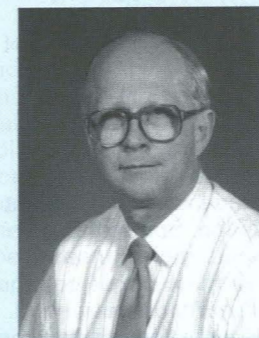
After safely settling his family, John returned to the city to procure his furniture and arrange his business affairs. He found a near ghost town. The harbor was empty of commercial shipping and ordinary business was slowed or stopped altogether. Everywhere, houses and shops stood empty or closed. Much to John's chagrin, he found that his clerk, whom he had left in charge of his shop, had sold out its contents, pocketed the proceeds and absconded.

### Patriots Provide Ready Market

In the Peekskill area, Bailey found a ready market for his wares from the patriot forces. After approximately one year, however, he removed to Fredericksburg, NY (now the town of Patterson) and continued to manufacture cutlery supplies for the Continental Army. It is curious why he did not remain in the Peekskill area with his brother. But this was also a civil war and William did not support the patriot cause. Perhaps this political disagreement between the two brothers is why John relocated.

Bailey did not remain in Fredericksburg for long. In 1777 the patriot forces established an armory in Fishkill, NY to repair and manufacture weapons. It soon became a focal point of activity, attracting many of the principal officers of the Continental Army. Bailey knew that Fishkill was the ideal location for his much needed talents. In the May 14, 1778 issue of the *New-York Packet and the American Advertiser* he placed the following ad:

Serving as Historian and Newsletter Editor for the Empire State Society's



Binghamton Chapter, Compatriot Trudgen is employed as a technical writer and publisher for Celestica Power Systems in Endicott; the firm is based in Toronto, Canada and is a large electronic contract manufacturer. This past summer he was named Layout Editor, in addition to Associate Editor, of the *Colonial Newsletter*. This research journal in early American numismatics is now published by the American Numismatics Society in New York City.



This view of the War Sword's hilt shows a panopoly of arms surmounted by a bear's head. The designs on both sides are bordered by engraved oak leaves. (Courtesy Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.)

*"John Bailey, Cutler from New-York, is removed from Fredericksburgh to Fish-kill, where he intends to carry on his business extensively in its several branches. Workmen are much needed, such as Cutlers, capable of making Surgeons instruments, who can file well, Silver Smiths, White and Black-smiths who will meet with the best encouragement."*

In Fishkill, Bailey purchased the 200-acre Rogers farm, located just west of the village. He constructed a forge, cutlery and blacksmith shop near a small brook that emptied into Fishkill Creek, which ran through the center of the farm. Bailey's youngest daughter, Charlotte, related that her father worked the farm in addition to producing cutlery supplies for the Continental Army. And that at times both George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette were guests of her father. She also reported that Bailey could produce up to two dozen swords a week and that he tanned the leather for the scabbards, which her mother then stitched into shape.

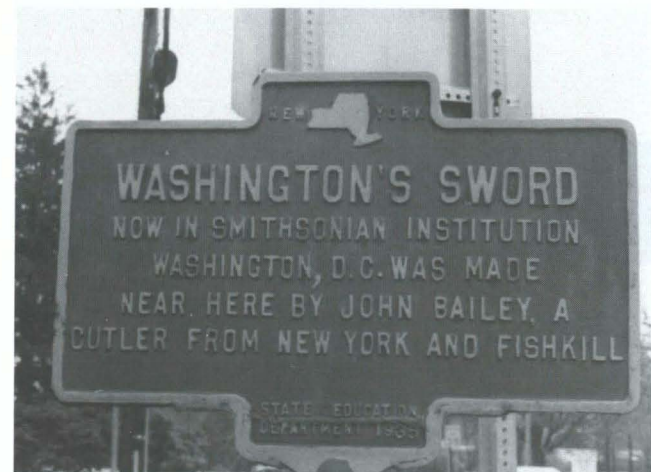
### War Sword Finely Crafted

When John Bailey fabricated Washington's War Sword, he etched his name and place of residence ("J.



Bailey Fish Kill") on the throat of the scabbard. He followed this same practice with other swords that he made. This establishes the maker and location of manufacture, but not the date when the sword was fabricated. Obviously the sword was made after Bailey had moved to Fishkill in May of 1778. Washington visited Fishkill several times in the fall of that year, making that period the earliest when the Commander-in-Chief could have personally purchased the sword from Bailey. Thus, the reason for dating the sword circa 1778.

The War Sword has an overall length of 36.2 inches. The slightly curved single-edged blade is 29.9 inches long and about 1.1 inches wide at the hilt. A broad shallow groove (fuller) runs along the center of the blade, while a very narrow fuller or foible runs along the blade's back edge from the point of percussion to the false edge. The false edge is 6.75 inches in length.



This historical marker is located along Route 50 in Fishkill, New York, near the site of John Bailey's farm discussed in the accompanying article.

The grip consists of green stained ivory, cracked with age. It gradually increases in diameter from quillons to pommel and is decorated by a number of spiral grooves wound with flat silver wire. The grip terminates in a flat, rounded silver pommel with a seashell-like decorated cap. A large silver capstan rivet tops the pommel.

The silver mounted quillons form an elongated "S" and the ends are formed and engraved to represent serpent heads. On one side of the quillon juncture, a somewhat crude trophy of arms is engraved. On the opposite side, a similar panoply of arms surmounted by a bear's head is displayed. The designs on both sides of the hilt are bordered on the sides by engraved oak leaves.

A silver ferrule, between the quillons and blade, projects downward over the blade and fits tightly over the scabbard throat. The scabbard is made of a blackish-russet leather and encircled with throat and middle bands of silver. A carrying ring is affixed to the middle band, while the throat is etched with Bailey's name and place of residence. Bailey etched the throat by first coating the surface with wax. He then wrote his name in script and the location in type through the wax, removing it where he wrote. An acid was then applied which etched the metal surface where the wax had been removed. The silver tip at the end of the scabbard is believed to be a replacement.

#### Bailey Prepares For Return To NYC

Washington continued to use Bailey's services until the war ended, as did other Continental officers. When peace finally came in 1783, Bailey and 32 other British-

born residents, who had supported the American cause, petitioned Governor George Clinton at Newburgh, NY for citizenship. And when the British Army evacuated New York City on November 25, 1783, many exiled patriots made plans to return to their homes in the city, including John Bailey. Much to his disappointment Bailey, who had expended a large sum of money before the war to repair the building in which his shop was located, found himself locked out because his lease had expired during the war. Instead, Bailey found residence at No. 22 Little Dock Street in the heart of the marine district, an area that had been devastated by fire on August 3, 1778. Bailey advertised his farm for sale in several newspapers as illustrated by the following ad that he placed in the March 22, 1784 issue of *The New-York Packet*.

#### "TO BE SOLD"

"A VERY valuable FARM, in Fish Kill, four miles from the Landing, on the main road; containing 200 acres, with a sufficient quantity of meadow, and wood-land, and well watered, with sufficient good fenced two good Orchards, of the best grafted fruit, a good Garden, Dwelling House, Barn, Stables, three Hay-Barracks, with other out-houses, and Cyder-Mill. Fish-Kill creek runs through the center of said farm. The proprietor can vouch for its being one of the best estates in that neighborhood. A warranted title will be given for the same. For further particulars inquire of Mrs. Bailey on the premises, or John Bailey, No. 22, Little Dock-Street, New York, where he now carries on the Cutlery Business, in all its various branches. N.B. All the Farming Utensils, Stock, etc. at private sale, on the most reasonable terms: One third part of the purchase money to be paid down, and the other two-thirds in public securities, issued by the state of New-York, will be received in payment."

"JOHN BAILEY"

As John prepared to return to New York City, his brother, William, had already accepted exile in Canada. William was branded a Loyalist because in 1782 he had served as a captain-lieutenant in Colonel Beverley Robinson's Loyal American Regiment. With the cessation of hostilities in 1783, the British government provided shipping at New York City for the evacuation of Loyalists. Land grants were given in New Brunswick, Canada and by July 3, 1783, 1,859 Loyalists had reached St. John's River. William Bailey was among these exiles. He lived the remainder of his life near Fredericton on St. John's River and died in 1832 at the advanced age of 97.

After John Bailey reestablished himself in New York he continued in the cutlery trade. According to his daughter, Charlotte, at first he seriously considered changing trades and becoming a tanner because of the considerable experience he had gained in that trade while in Fishkill. Within a decade Bailey did give up the cutlery trade, but not to become a tanner. In 1792 he established a brass foundry in the Bowery, just north of the city limits.

#### Pursues Production Of Coinage

For a brief period, 1787 and 1788, John had also pursued a coinage grant from the State of New York. During this time there was an abundance of lightweight counterfeit copper coins in circulation. Some of the states chose to coin their own copper money in an effort to suppress the circulation of these bogus coins. New York State, however, decided not to issue a coinage grant, but instead passed an act to regulate the circulation of miscellaneous copper coins within the

state. Nevertheless, Bailey established an unauthorized mint where he struck several New York State related copper coin patterns and also copper coins for the State of New Jersey. New Jersey had authorized the coinage of three million "horse head" copper coins over two-year period starting on June 1, 1786. Late in the contract period, one of the contractors, Walter Mould, sought Bailey's assistance in fulfilling his portion of the grant. Bailey's "horse head" copper coins bear a 1788 date and an apparent mint mark, a running animal, in the reverse legend.

#### Another Pursuit - Bell Making

John tried his hand again at another trade in 1794. In partnership with George Hedderly, he established the New-York Bell Foundry. The bell foundry was located in the Bowery, probably at the same site as Bailey's brass foundry. Hedderly was a recent emigrant from England where he had operated a bell foundry in Nottingham since 1784. Bailey apparently supplied the capital and facilities, while Hedderly, who came from a long line of bell makers, supplied the expertise. The New-York Bell Foundry operated for about one year before Bailey's and Hedderly's partnership broke apart with Bailey suing Hedderly during the April 14, 1795 term of the New York City Mayor's Court. Several extant bells with a cast inscription of "J. Bailey - New York - 1794" testify that Bailey and Hedderly produced some bells. These bells, which weigh about sixty pounds and have a mouth diameter of 13 inches, were probably used as alarm bells by fire stations, etc. The possibility also exists that they were manufactured for the new fortifications that were erected in New York harbor in 1794.

After the failure of the New-York Bell Foundry, Bailey continued to operate his brass foundry and a store in which he sold items he manufactured, along with items he imported. In 1807, John, who was then 71 years old,



This New Jersey "horse head" coin was struck by John Bailey while he pursued a coinage grant from the State of New York during 1787-88. It is shown actual size.

joined in partnership with his son James S. Bailey. Two years later they gave up the foundry business and continued as merchants, selling hardware, cutlery, silverware and related items.

#### Bailey's Death Comes In 1815

John Bailey died on January 22, 1815, a Sunday morning, at the age of 79. He was interred in the churchyard at St. Paul's Chapel, at Broadway and Fulton Street in New York City. His original gravestone still stands, but the inscription is worn beyond recognition. An obituary notice published in a local paper says that Bailey had "...grown venerable in the esteem of his friends, neighbors, and acquaintances, after a long and well-spent life." John's wife, Ann, had died several years earlier in March of 1800.

Bailey was an affluent man when he died, as shown by his estate valuation. He was a talented artisan and a good businessman who worked hard and invested wise-



This brass bell was produced by John Bailey in 1794 while he was a partner in the New-York Bell Company located in the Bowery of New York City. (Courtesy William Guthman.)

ly. He produced many early American artifacts that are highly prized today by both collectors and curators. Washington's War Sword, however, earned John Bailey a permanent niche in American history.

#### War Sword Willed To Samuel Washington

In his last will and testament, George Washington provided that each of his nephews should receive one of his swords when he died. Samuel Washington was the only nephew with military experience and he had personally observed his famous uncle wearing the War Sword during the Whiskey Rebellion in 1794. At that time, General Washington was President of the United States and therefore Commander-in-Chief of the Army. And Samuel Washington served in that campaign as a captain. The nephews allowed Samuel first choice of the swords because of his military experience and Samuel quickly chose the War Sword, even though some of Washington's other swords were more costly.

Upon Samuel's death, the War Sword passed to his son, Samuel T. Washington. On February 8, 1843, Samuel T. Washington officially presented the War Sword to Congress, along with Benjamin Franklin's gold-headed cane. Franklin had bequeathed the cane to General Washington who, in turn, willed it to his younger brother, Charles, the father of Samuel Washington.

After the War Sword was accepted by a joint resolution of Congress, it was placed under the jurisdiction of the State Department. Soon afterwards, the War Sword, Franklin's cane, and Washington's camp chest, which he used during the Revolution, were placed on public display in the rooms of the National Institution for the Promotion of Science in Washington, DC. By a second joint resolution of Congress, approved on February 28, 1922, the War Sword was transferred to the Smithsonian Institution where it now reposes with priceless relics relating to the career of General Washington.

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## National Archives Holdings Now Online

The National Archives and Records Administration has introduced a major expansion of the NAIL prototype locator. Funded by the Congress through the strong support of Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, the NARA Archival Information Locator is an online, interactive database available via the World Wide Web. The new and improved NAIL provides unprecedented access to NARA's vast holdings; users with access to the Internet can now search many descriptions of NARA's holdings online for key words or topics, and then can retrieve digital copies of textual documents, photographs, maps, and sound recordings. In addition, hyper-text links connect series descriptions and more detailed finding aids such as box and folder lists.

NAIL contains a great deal of information about a wide variety of NARA's holdings. The pilot project initially focused on audiovisual material, and NAIL contains descriptions of 2,500 still picture series and 20,000 still picture items; 85,000 films and videos; and 8,500 sound recordings. Select sound files and about 1,000 actual photographs, many of them digitized in a partnership with the University of Nebraska Press, are online. Descriptions and select sample documents, most relating to the American West, include:

- The House of Representatives territorial papers collection, 1810-1872, documents America's expansion westward.
- The Senate Subcommittee on Indian Affairs files, 1928-1953, illustrate the culture, environment, and governance of 20th Century Native American tribes.
- More than 300 petitions sent to Congress in the 19th and early 20th Century reflect America's opinions on Native Americans, polygamy, suffrage and other issues of the day.
- Audio excerpts of an interview with the last surviving Confederate veteran bring the Civil War to life.
- 100 maps and charts vividly trace America's expansion westward.
- Descriptions and photographs of the Laura Ingalls Wilder and Rose Wilder Lane papers, as well as the Ingalls family homesteading records, show students and fans alike the real story behind the *Little House on the Prairie*.

Although NAIL contains more than 200,000 descriptions, it represents only a tiny fraction of NARA's vast holdings. NAIL can be accessed from the NARA homepage (<http://www.nara.gov>) or directly at <http://www.nara.gov/nara/nail.html>.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL** – Our Headquarters Staff in Louisville traditionally stages a festive party to mark the holidays – this time with pizza and soft drinks generously given by Florida Society Compatriot and Mrs. Harry Youngs (hence the "Thanks" sign!). Each year the event appears to get just a little bit bigger, largely because of an increasing number of youngsters! **Front row, from left:** Kim Robinson, Merchandise Assistant; Mike Scroggins, Merchandise Manager, and son Ben; Cindy Scroggins and son Nick; Jessie Hagan, Genealogist Assistant, and daughters Elise and Clare; Robin Christian, Library Assistant; and Michael Christian, Librarian. **Back row, from left:** Lorin O'Hara, Comptroller; Debbie Smalley, Staff Associate; Kathy Seay, Staff Associate; Ann Carrell, Staff Associate; Nona Preher, Registrar Assistant; Joyce Adams, Staff Registrar; Susan Acree, Staff Genealogist; Kathy Lentz, Administrative Assistant; and Bob Lentz, Executive Director.

## 150th Landing Anniversary Marked

On July 7, 1846 Commodore John Drake Sloat landed at Monterey, California raised the American Flag, and claimed the California Territory for America at the beginning of the Mexican War.

This past July 7th the 150th anniversary of this event was commemorated as "The First Step to Statehood" for California. Monterey Bay Chapter President Clarence L. Lambing and DAR Commodore Sloat Chapter Regent Joanne Slama were present to participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the Presidio of Monterey. One of the speakers was Francis W. Sloat, a member of the Maryland Society's John Paul Jones Chapter; he presented a brief history of the heritage of the Commodore, a Revolutionary War orphan. Compatriot Sloat, a distant cousin of the commodore, has done extensive family genealogical and historical work.

The program, which encompassed participation by a variety of groups and dignitaries, took place at the Sloat Memorial. The monument's cornerstone was laid on July 7, 1896. It occupies a prominent hill-top and commands a view of Monterey Bay. The completed structure was dedicated in June 14, 1910.

Commodore Sloat's landing is perhaps the nation's best kept secret of westward expansion. When his proclamation was served in the tiny coastal town of Monterey, the United States acquired a tract of land encompassing the present-day states of California, Nevada and Utah, much of Arizona and New Mexico, and parts of Colorado and Wyoming – more than 500,000 square miles. The acquisi-

tion, second only to the Louisiana purchase was accomplished without bloodshed or dollars.

Operating under direct orders of President James Polk, Sloat had led three warships on a voyage from Mazatlan, Mexico to Monterey, leaving shortly after the U.S. had declared war with Mexico. As Sloat's proclamation was presented to local inhabitants, Marines raised the 28-star U.S. Flag above the Customs House. It was an act that marked a new destiny for the fledgling United States. California became the 31st state in 1850.



Prominent participants in the July 7th program at the Sloat Monument were (from left): Monterey Bay Chapter President Clarence L. Lambing; Joanne Slama, Regent of the DAR Commodore Sloat Chapter; and Francis W. Sloat, a member of the Maryland Society's John Paul Jones Chapter and a distant cousin of the Commodore.

## Three Compatriots Over 100 Years Old

Reports have been received concerning two Compatriots over the age of 100. One, Compatriot Caleb C. Winslow, was called to eternal rest at 107. The other, Howard Hill, 102, still attends luncheon meetings. And a third report reveals that Pennsylvania Society Compatriot Evan J. Miller recently attained the 100-year mark.



Compatriot Howard Hill (left) recently attended the Clearwater (Florida) Chapter's Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon. He was transferred to this Chapter in 1972 from Rochester, New York where he worked in the city's public utilities. He is a veteran World War II, serving in France with the U.S. Army Engineers. Various Chapter members make sure he has transportation to meetings.

Mr. Winslow was a 30-year member of the Maryland Society. As a 12-year-old lad, he attended the dedication on October 19, 1901 of the beautiful 60-foot column Revolutionary War Monument in the cultural center of Baltimore by the Maryland Society. He remembered Governor Edwin Warfield speaking at the ceremony. The following year the Governor was elected NSSAR President General. He is survived by a son, two daughters, seven grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren!



A Charter Member of the Harris Ferry Chapter serving Harrisburg, Compatriot Miller was honored at a recent meeting of the Harris Ferry Chapter in Harrisburg.

## Chapter Flag Program Draws Attention

The Illinois Society's Genl. George Rogers Clark Chapter launched a program in November that other Chapters might find well worth copying; presenting the Flag Award to several recipients at one time in a prominent public location!

According to information submitted by Charles B. Schweizer, a Chapter member, eight areas in the unit's administrative boundaries were requested to select a recipient for the award. The response was enthusiastic, with the result being that eight Compatriots had a part in the program.

The awards were offered in the atrium of the Madison County Courthouse, while Chief Circuit Judge Nicholas Bryon led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Next the Chairman of the Madison County Board of Supervisors played *The Star-Spangled Banner* on his harmonica. Serving as Master of Ceremonies, Chapter Vice President Harry K. Windland made appropriate remarks, followed by the presentation of awards by William Feeney.



The statue of James Madison in the Madison County Courthouse was the backdrop for awarding of Flag Certificates, in this case to S. Gene Prosser of Jerseyville (right). Doing the honors were Chapter Compatriot Robert French (left), also of Jerseyville, and Vice President Harry K. Windland.

## Societies Continue "Twinning"

Damien Aubé, a 23-year-old resident of Paris, France recently completed two months of a work-study exchange program in Loze, Louisiana, where he worked at the Bruce Foods Laboratory.

According to Attakapas Chapter Vice-President John Francois, the work-study is a by-product of the highly successful 1995 "twinning" in Paris of the Louisiana Society with the France Society (as reported in the Winter 1996 Issue of *The SAR Magazine*). The Chapter serves the Lafayette area.

Damien has two more years of university study in Paris before he gets his degree in Industrial Biology Engineering. The work-study was arranged by Compatriot Lynn Breaux of Lafayette, with the help of Dr. Carroll Bernard of New Iberia, a close friend of Gordon Brown, co-owner of Bruce Foods.

Compatriot Francois states that it is anticipated SAR students from Louisiana will be going to France to study in their

fields of interest. "The exchange program," he emphasizes, "is only one of many ways that will bind the two Societies together. A reciprocal twinning will take place during April in either New Orleans, Baton Rouge or Lafayette."

## DEXTER ROSETTES



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Damien Aubé (right) is shown posing with Compatriot Lynn Breaux, a member of the Attakapas Chapter.

## Texas Society Sends History Teacher To Workshop At Freedoms Foundation

The Texas Society reports that it conducted a "pilot study" last year to select the Outstanding American History Teacher through a committee set up for that purpose and chaired by Plano Chapter Compatriot Jack Haughton. Since the program was successful, plans are now under way for a repeat performance this year.

The "study" saw nominees considered from the San Antonio, New Braunfels and Plano School Districts. The winner was Mrs. Joan Chapman, an eighth grade American History teacher at Wilson Middle School of the Plano Independent School District. She was awarded an expense paid trip to attend a workshop during late July and early August offered by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania entitled "The American Revolution, Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley." Each annual workshop encompasses tours of selected historic sites, reviews of events around America's early history, learning about life in early America, gaining an appreciation of the freedoms which Americans enjoy, and encouraging teachers to transmit the knowledge and appreciation of their heritage.

An important phase in the selection criteria is the preparation of a brief essay by applicants on why they should be considered for the competition. Here is what Mrs. Chapman wrote:

One of my joys from teaching is to travel to these historical places and share them with my students. I would consider the opportunity to study at such a prestigious gathering an honor. I believe that I would be able to use all of the knowledge, feeling, and understanding that I receive there to pass on to my students. I am confident that visiting Pennsylvania, Valley Forge, and Delaware River Valley would afford me the chance to see the places that I teach, first hand and up close.

The Delaware River Valley is part of the foundation of American liberty. It holds many examples of the price that the colonies paid for us to become the great nation that we are today. Personally visiting these historical sites would provide me with a connection to history. I could then share the connection with my students - a connection that helps me convey to my students a personal and emotional happening, rather than a sterile, long forgotten event.

Daily I see and hear attitudes of young Americans. Often they do not hold the principles of liberty, integrity, democracy, and hard work in as high esteem as I wish they would. All of the qualities that George Washington or Thomas Jefferson demanded of them-



Mrs. Joan Chapman (right), winner of the Outstanding American History Teacher Program staged by the Texas Society, is shown at Valley Forge with the winner sponsored by the California Society, Marilyn Hoffacker.

selves and of their contemporaries need to be passed on to our students. This is my duty as an American History teacher. Students must remember the price that was paid for the freedom that so many Americans take for granted. Young Americans must be taught to appreciate, uphold, and continue the beliefs of our founding fathers.

Teaching facts, without watering down or revising them, is my responsibility. Giving my students a love of their country and of history is my *calling*. I believe that the privilege of attending this workshop would give me much ammunition to continue the American History Revolution in the classroom.

## New Books List Louisiana Patriots

Since the feature article about General Bernardo Galvez appeared in the Fall 1996 Issue of *The SAR Magazine*, the Louisiana Society's General Philemon Thomas Chapter has announced availability of a volume titled "Galvez and Other Louisiana Patriots." It was written by Past Chapter Historian Leroy E. Willie, a prolific writer on the state's history and recipient of the Silver Good Citizenship and Meritorious Service Medals.

The book describes Louisiana's participation in the Revolutionary War and features illustrations and maps that help in understanding the campaign there. Most important to genealogical researchers is a list of over 1,900 names of Acadians, French, Germans and Spanish colonial set-

## Compatriots Hold Government Posts

When the results of the election in November were in, 14 Compatriots were shown to hold posts in the United States Senate and House of Representatives and as State Governors. A number of them were not incumbents.

### United States Senate

**Christopher Bond** - Missouri. SAR No. 131899.

**Judd Gregg** - New Hampshire. SAR No. 118861.

**Orrin G. Hatch** - Utah. SAR No. 114069.

**Richard G. Lugar** - Indiana. SAR No. 113783.

**Connie Mack** - Florida. SAR No. 132419.

**Donald L. Nickles** - Oklahoma. SAR No. 122242.

**J. Strom Thurmond** - South Carolina. SAR No. 58863.

**Charles S. Robb** - Virginia. SAR No. 121305.

**John W. Warner** - Virginia. SAR No. 115847.

### House of Representatives

**John Howard Cole** - North Carolina. SAR No. 136918.

**Peter J. Goss** - Florida. SAR No. 136474.

**Isaac Newton Skelton IV** - Missouri. SAR No. 136474.

### Governors of States

**Lawton Childs** - Florida. SAR No. 101426.

**Paul Patton** - Kentucky. SAR No. 139399.

This listing was prepared by Former President General Carl F. Bessent from available information. If someone has been omitted, please write to him at 4405 Norwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21218.

tlers who served with Galvez against the British in 1779. Descendants of these men are eligible for membership in the SAR provided they meet other requirements.

Also available is a volume titled "German Ancestors and Patriots of Louisiana 1722-1803." Written by Compatriot Willie, this book describes how German pioneers established homes in the rich lands that lay along the lower Mississippi - and how their desire for liberty caused them to join Galvez to defeat the British. The names of these settlers makes a rich source of data for researchers.

Further information on these publications may be obtained by writing to: S.A.R. Books, 8924 Gail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70805.

## Revolutionary War Graves Project Seeks Volunteers

Compatriots and friends of the SAR with computer capabilities are needed as volunteers to work part-time on data being compiled for the Second Edition of the *Revolutionary War Graves Register*, according to an announcement by Robert F. Galer, Chairman of the Revolutionary War Graves Committee. The first volume was published by the National Society in 1993; since then, thousands of new grave locations have been reported and must be entered into a data base - a task beyond the normal ongoing efforts of committee members.

Two categories of volunteers are being sought: Editors and Data Entry Programmers.

Using batches of Registry Forms sent to him or her by Chairman Galer (under his title of Publication Project Administrator), an Editor compares each entry to the 1993 book to eliminate duplications. Additionally, corrected entries are noted. The marked batch of forms is then mailed back to the Administrator for distribution to Programmers.

Each Programmer takes the edited forms or lists submitted by the Administrator and enters the data onto a 3 1/2" floppy disk, using the volunteer's own computer and easy-to-use software that has been especially created for this project. Data on the disks, along with the forms and lists, are then returned to the Administrator for checking and copying to a common database.



During a meeting of the Revolutionary War Graves Committee on October 4th, Chairman Robert F. Galer demonstrated how data is entered into a special computer program. The regular meeting of the National Trustees took place the following day.

Compatriot Galer emphasizes that to avoid over-burdening anyone, he will only mail a list or batch to a volunteer when requested in writing. Batches usually contain no more than 500 separate entries. "One may quit or take a recess at any time," he points out. "However, lists once started should be completed with reasonable dispatch." The special software is designed to be run on any IBM-compatible

computer. It is a DOS program that may be run on a Windows environment.

To become a part of this important project, contact the Administrator: Robert F. Galer, 7236 Lullwater Road, Columbus, GA 31904 (Telephone: 706/324-2931; E-Mail: RFGaler@AOL.COM).



## VALLEY FORGE

### Society of the Descendants

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Inquiries are cordially invited. Application forms and requisite information are supplied through the Office of Deputy Commissary General of Musters, as follows:

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Valley Forge, PA 19482-0915

## Compatriots Mark Patriot Graves



Tomac Cemetery, which is located in the area of the first settlement of Greenwich, Connecticut took on new meaning in mid-October when the Captain Matthew Mead Branch staged a stirring program designed to mark the graves of 22 Patriots - in spite of a steady nor'easter. Among those taking part in the ceremony were Connecticut Society President William C. Crooks and Town Historian William E. Finch, Jr.



Robert F. Galer (center), Chairman of the Revolutionary War Graves Committee, participated in an August program to mark the grave site of Patriot John Maxwell, who served at Kings Mountain and other battles. Taking place in the Maxwell Family Cemetery at Alpharetta, Georgia, the ceremony was sponsored by the Piedmont Chapter. Other dignitaries on hand were Georgia Society President T. Fisher Craft (left) and Eric Thorstenburg, Chairman of the Chapter's Gravesite Committee.

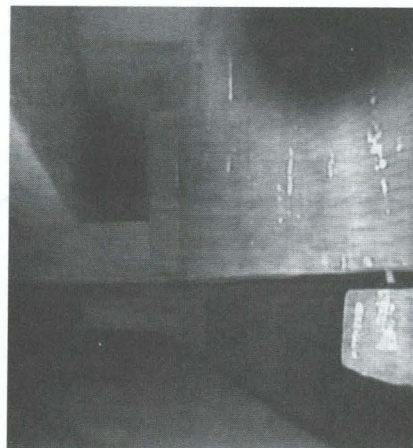
## How the Videoscope Is Being Used In Historic Restoration

By Maryland Society Compatriot Hugh R. Eckert

My Revolutionary War ancestor, Lieutenant Colonel William Webb Haddaway, died in 1786. I own no musket, portrait, or book from his time, so, like most, I rely on historians to recreate his milieu for me. It pleases me to think that my livelihood relates, if – you'll pardon the pun – **remotely**, to his life and time and to the work of historians who recreate it.

**Remotely**, you ask? Well, my business career involves the marketing of optical instruments – to be precise, “**remote viewing instruments**” – that can literally shed light on some aspects of Colonel Haddaway's everyday life that unwitting time has made into puzzles and mysteries. I also do inspections of historic buildings with these instruments, to see what the years have done and how our forebears put things together long ago.

Thanks to the miniaturization of video microchip, it is now possible to achieve the results of an archeological dig with scarcely any damage being done to the subject historical site. The magic is performed by a tiny camera attached to a fiber optic light source – a device resembling a garden hose and called a **videoscope**.



This videoscope shot inside Independence Hall at Philadelphia shows the condition of a ceiling joist.

Useful for prying out the secrets of drug dealers, arsonists and spies, videoscopes are also widely used in industry and in search and rescue operations associated with bombings and natural disasters. Because they can turn corners and “see” what no unassisted eye can see, videoscopes enable technicians to diagnose structural problems behind walls, under floorboards, and above ceilings. Historians can learn much more about historic buildings, since the development of this technology, than they ever could before.

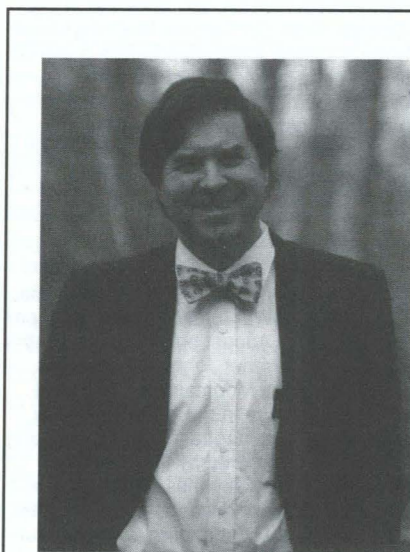
These amazingly small cameras, 1/2” in diameter, can enter into very small open-

ings and record on VHS tape, high-resolution images of the interior spaces. A high-intensity light source makes it possible to obtain clear photographs; thus the historical architect, conservator, or structural engineer can actually see hidden layers of construction, joining methods, and the colors and textures of materials, debris, and artifacts. The fully documented tape record supports working hypotheses and conclusions, permitting progressive historical research and creating a new and ever-growing body of knowledge.

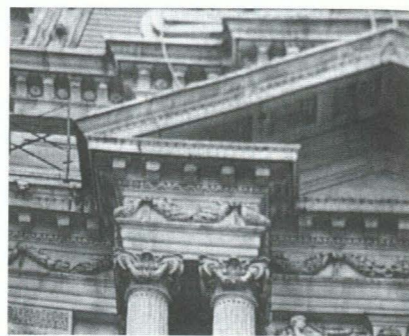
My company uses videoscopes in a wide variety of contexts, and in my 13 years in the business I have had some extraordinary opportunities to explore the invisible in many old structures. Historic building sites figure among my favorite anecdotes.

### Just Around the Corner?

For instance, there was the problem of locating the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol building, which seemed like a good idea as the bicentennial celebrations of 1976 approached. Nobody quite knew where to look, so Eckert Optical Instruments, Inc. was called in to check a possible site. As the structural engineer from the architect's office and assorted historians and curators looked on, a 10-foot videoscope was inserted into two 3-inch pilot test holes drilled into the basement walls on the House of Representatives side of the Capitol Building. (Note: The basement walls are 9 feet thick.) Interest mounted as the video monitor showed something like a well-lighted cave. As crevices came into view, the operator maneuvered the camera in the direction of



A member of the Maryland Society's John Paul Jones Chapter, Compatriot Eckert founded Eckert Optical Instruments, Inc. in 1983. An Army veteran (combat intelligence), he holds a BS in business from Towson State University and has done graduate work at the University of Baltimore, in marketing. Historical restoration surveys have been the subject of talks he has given in the U.S. and Canada for preservation professionals. Prior to starting his own company, he gained extensive experience in optical technology as a salesman of Zeiss microsurgical and Nikon industrial microscopes. He resides in the Annapolis area, where he grew up. Hugh enjoys contra dance (perhaps a trait inherited from his 18th Century forebears), photography, and community service.



One of the jobs tackled by Eckert Optical Instruments was inspection of the interior gutters at Philadelphia's City Hall.

the suspected site of the cornerstone. Approximately 8 1/2 feet down the tunnel, the place that was identified as the probable location of the cornerstone, there indeed was a large crevice. The probe was articulated upward. Something that looked like writing or marks came into view. Was it the inscription on the silver plate that they all knew had been placed under the cornerstone 200 years ago? All eyes strained to read the scribbled writing.

Sorry to say, when all images were recorded and later downloaded onto a PC for further analysis, no positive identification could be made from the video. But at least we all knew what was in there.

### How Firm a Foundation?

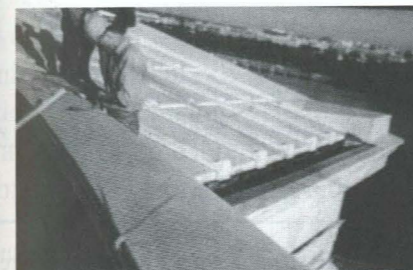
A few months later, the Eckert technicians found themselves at the apex of the Capitol building. Their mission was to inspect the pedestal that supports the statue of Freedom. The structural integrity of the pedestal, a dome approximately 15 ft. in diameter made of cast iron, was in question. The statue had been removed via helicopter, making possible an internal inspection of the dome to determine whether it should be disassembled or not. The video inspection showed that the dome was in good condition and also demonstrated our tolerance of great heights.

### Up Above the Chimney Tops

We had another chance to show off our fearlessness at high elevations at the Londontown House in Edgewater, Maryland. As one of the many involved custodians and historians present observed, “It's something you don't see every day” – a team of technicians armed with videoscopes, checking out the insides of nine chimney flues in a 235-year-old building. The old beauty had problems with humidity and moisture accumulations that might have been partly due to the ancient chimneys, none of whose flues dropped straight down. Our team adjudged the chimneys to be in excellent shape, all things considered, and the solution to the moisture problem – if indeed the chimneys contributed to it – was declared to be “an appropriate kind of metal cap.”

### All's Well with Jackson's Horse

The engineer assigned to assist on the Capitol pedestal project just happened to be involved with another adventure just down the road and asked us to help. Andrew Jackson's equestrian statue was being restored. The question was, how are those two old legs of Andrew Jackson's horse faring? After all, they'd been holding up a few tons for almost 150 years. The



The Jefferson Memorial in Washington, DC was one of the projects that Compatriot Eckert's experts were asked to take a look at. Here inspection was performed underneath the ceiling tiles and interior rain gutters.

probe was inserted in a few of the orifices. The probe wove in and out throughout the statue. The horse's legs, belly, and head were all examined. The horse received a clean bill of health.

### A Plain View of the Drains

Pristine and sanctified as they both are in the eyes of tourists and patriots alike, the fact is that the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials are buildings, susceptible to the wear and tear of time and weather. With major renovation going on at both memorials, we were summoned for a quick inspection of the cast-iron internal rain leaders, to seek out corrosion, pitting and cracks. The videoscope revealed blockages in three of the five rain leaders, as well as obvious corrosion in the system.

### Philadelphia Poses for the Videoscope

A popping sound, sawdust, and a sagging ceiling inspired the custodians of



During the restoration of the United States Capitol, Compatriot Eckert used a videoscope to inspect the dome at the apex to determine its condition.

Philadelphia's Independence Hall to call us in for a look, a couple of years ago. Holes were drilled in the ceiling of the main foyer, which is very far off the ground. Wheeled scaffolding provided access for our inspection crew. The crew enjoyed the celebrity of a major tourist attraction, as tours maneuvered around the platform. The condition of the wood lathe and the places where it had separated from the floor joists were duly recorded. Before undertaking this job, we consulted floor plans, old photographs, and the historical architect's assessment. Two days of work, three hours of video recording, and a lot of public exposure later, we left the City of Brotherly Love – but not without checking the rain leaders at Philadelphia City Hall, which we also found in need of correction.

### Video Helps Historians Create As-Builts

At the Cupola House (built between 1725 and 1758) in Edenton, North Carolina, historians working through the Williamsburg Foundation needed to explore the feature that gave the house its name – the ornamental cupola, which was built without stairs or any other form of access. The drawings of the rafter design had been omitted from the original plans. Through a one-inch hole drilled in the ceiling, the videoscope went where nobody ever had gone, revealing the framing design. Architects from the Cupola House Foundation, Colonial Williamsburg, and the North Carolina Division of Archives and History were able to develop detailed schematic drawings directly from the video screen. As we worked, we enjoyed the academic interchange among the professionals on site, which was recorded along with the video image. Our most creative project to date, Cupola House is among our favorite recollections.

**New techniques for revealing the secrets of the past promise many new avenues for historians to pursue. Although Col. Haddaway sent no memorabilia to me down the years, with every historic building I inspect I understand more about that other country that was his lifetime.**

## Listserver Offered By Florida Society

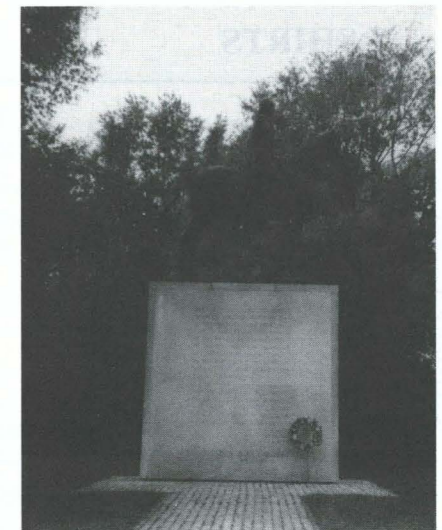
Compatriots with computer online capabilities may now avail themselves of the “NSSAR Internet Listserver” offered by the Florida Society. This is possible through that Society's agreement with its Internet Service Provider to permit multiple list servers.

As explained in information supplied by the Florida Society, a Listserver is a list of people with a common interest who make their names (e-mail address) available by subscribing to a central *listserver*. An e-mail message then sent to the list mailing address (in this case [sartalk@lists.fdt.net](mailto:sartalk@lists.fdt.net)) goes to each person who has subscribed.

Messages may be about anything one wants to write, but should have NSSAR or its goals as the theme. Responses may be sent either to the original message poster or back to the entire list. Typically, if the reply would be of interest only to the original message poster, it goes to him; if of general interest, the response would be sent to the list address.

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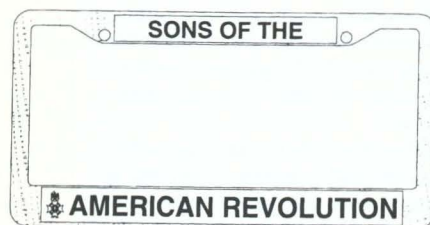
Detailed information, including how to subscribe, is available on the FLSSAR Home Page: <http://www.flssar.org>



**GALVEZ IN WASHINGTON, DC** – Since the cover feature story about General Bernardo Galvez appeared in the Fall 1996 Issue of *The SAR Magazine*, the author – Mississippi Society Compatriot Thomas E. Van Hyming – submitted this photo of a handsome statue of the Patriot that stands near the corner of “D” and 22nd Streets. He also points out that New Orleans was founded as Nouvelle-Orleans in 1718, not 1781 as erroneously stated in the article. Additionally, he states that the cover scene took place in May 1781, not 1778. Just setting the record straight!

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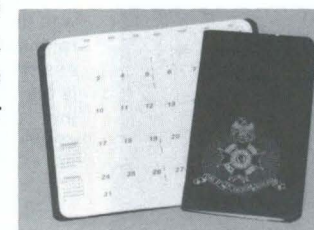


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## Committees Hold Key To NSSAR Programs

The National Society's efforts aimed at supporting the work of the State Societies, Chapters and individual Compatriots are largely in the hands of some 60 Committees, which often meet at the time of Trustees Meetings and the Annual Congress. They and their membership, as

appointed by the President General, are always detailed in the Summer Issue of our magazine. The PG receives wide-ranging input from SARs as to potential members for consideration.

It is interesting to note that attendance at Trustees Meetings has steadily increased

as more and more Committee programs have been launched and/or expanded. Virtually every nook and cranny at our Louisville Headquarters is set aside for Committee gatherings. The accompanying photos depict some that assembled the day before the October 5th Trustees Meeting.



The Membership Committee, chaired by Former President General James R. Westlake (speaking at far end of table), is one of the most important and influential within the National Society. It is charged with the functions of member applications, retention and reinstatement. Of particular assistance to State Societies and Chapters is the Committee's publication of a manual that offers valuable tips on locating, enrolling and keeping members.

The Long Range Planning Committee is chaired by Kentucky Society Compatriot Rollie D. Graves (end of table). Serving as the research and development arm of NSSAR, this group reviews existing programs, evaluates needs and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee upon request. Its work is largely self-initiated.



Chaired by Former President General Nolan W. Carson (far end of table), the George Washington Endowment Funds Board is responsible for raising monies to provide financial support for underfunded Committee activities. Separate Fund Raising and Distribution Committees implement the Board's work. Distribution involves reviewing specific requests and allocating available monies.



The rapid growth over the past few years of State Society Color Guards has been mostly due to the diligent efforts of the Color Guard Committee chaired by Massachusetts Society Compatriot David J. Gray (speaking, left end of table). This is also evidenced by the ever-increasing number of Compatriots from about the country who participate in the Annual Congress Combined Color Guard.

As demonstrated by the news stories about Revolutionary War Battle Commemorations reported in this and past issues of the magazine, the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee keeps very busy. Chaired by Virginia Society Compatriot Paul M. Frantz (facing), this group's responsibilities are broad and encompass the preservation, marking and interpretation of historic areas and buildings.



Florida Society Compatriot Phillip B. Carr (at table), a former FBI Agent, serves as Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee. This group encourages State Societies and Chapters to award the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to outstanding men and women in the enforcement field. It is also involved in presenting the medal to an individual at the Annual Congress.

Arizona Society Compatriot John F. Newell (opposite side of table in light-colored suit) chairs the important Lineage Research Workshop Committee. The group is responsible for stimulating the holding of genealogical research classes by State Societies, Chapters and individual SARs. The ultimate objective is to help potential members join our Society. The Committee has excellent course materials available.



## Questionnaire For Directory Coming

The Fall 1996 Issue of our magazine reported that work had begun on the *1997/1998 National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Membership Directory*, with Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company once again serving as publisher. Copies will be available in December, 1997.

Since then, President General Reon G. Hillegass has appointed Virginia Society Compatriot Richard G. Sauner to serve as Editor of the Directory. Currently the Vice-President General for the Mid-Atlantic District, he has held a wide variety of posts at all levels of our Society – including that of Chairman of the National Society's Historical Oration Contest Committee. He will be responsible for providing background materials about the Society and its rich heritage.

To gather information and meet production deadlines, Harris will soon be sending a questionnaire to all Compatriots with current addresses to permit their inclusion in the Directory. Recipients will be asked to review the questionnaire carefully in order to verify that personal data is correct. It is essential that these important forms be returned before the indicated deadline.

Once received, information will be edited and processed by Harris Publishing for inclusion in the new volume.

The content of listings will be expanded over what appeared in the previous Directory. For example, space will be provided to permit inclusion of up to 14 additional ancestors (supplementals). Plans also call for featuring data about one's wife and children – plus such professional information as company name, job title, business address and phone number.

**If you do not return the questionnaire, your Directory entry may appear incomplete – or may be inadvertently omitted. Do not take a chance, watch for your questionnaire form and return it promptly!**

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## NSSAR Marks Columbus Day In DC

On October 14 last year Former President General William C. Gist, a member of the Kentucky Society, officially represented the National Society at the ceremony in Washington, DC honoring Christopher Columbus. The event was staged before the magnificent statue of the famed discoverer standing in Columbus Plaza near Union Station.

Compatriot Gist, on behalf of PG Reon G. Hillegass, presented a Memorial Wreath, as did a wide range of other organizations, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, General Society of Mayflower Descendants and various Knights of Columbus groups. The sponsor was the Washington Columbus Celebration Association in cooperation with the National Park Service.

The overall impressive program encompassed such features as Posting of the Colors by the U.S. Armed Forces Honor Guard and the Knights of Columbus Color Corps; Playing of the National Anthems of the United States, Italy, Spain and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas; Reading of a Proclamation from President William J. Clinton; and an address by Dr. Jose Luis Restrepo, Special Advisor to the Secretary General, Organization of the American States.

The statue of Columbus was dedicated in 1912 during a three-day celebration. It was built on land purchased by the KC for this purpose and later donated to the United States Government. Plans for the memorial were mandated by the U.S. Congress several years before this, with Chicago sculptor Lorado Z. Taft awarded the design contract following a competition.



Having the honor of presenting the SAR Memorial Wreath was Former President General William C. Gist. He is shown with dignitaries of the Knights of Columbus.



Posing here during the Columbus Day program were (from left): Janice Fitzgerald, Executive Assistant to the NSDAR President General, who represented that organization; Dr. David R. Curfman, President of the Washington Columbus Celebration Association; and Former President General William C. Gist.



**MIDDIES MARK FOURTH OF JULY** – A large contingent of Midshipmen attending the United States Naval Academy were on hand to participate in the bell ringing ceremony staged at 2 pm before the Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center in Washington, DC. Shown being rung was the Memorial's "Chief's Bell." The program was one of hundreds held across the nation as part of the July 4th bell ringing program promoted by the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution.



Robert Heft (second from left) displayed the 50-star flag he designed at the September meeting of the Northwest Territorial Chapter. Assisting him were (from left): Past President Philip Lupien, Secretary David L. Lupien and President Herbert Huddle.

## Chapter Meeting Speaker Tells How He Designed 50-Star Flag

Charles G. Edwards, a member of the Cincinnati Chapter, regularly submits Ohio Society news for consideration in our magazine. A story he sent in for this issue turns out to be unusual enough to deserve special treatment. Here it is in his own words.

Robert Heft of Napoleon, Ohio was the featured speaker for the Constitution Day program in September staged by the Northwest Territorial Chapter. He spoke on how he assumed that there would be a need for a 50-star flag.

As a high school junior, he designed a 50-star flag. His instructor inquired as to why Bob had placed 50 stars on his flag, as there were only 49 at the time. Bob explained his theory about political party balance in Congress and based on this historical precedent, that one more state would be brought into the union, he surmised Hawaii would soon be granted statehood. He received a "B" for the project. He complained and stated that he felt he deserved an "A". The instructor said that if he got his flag accepted by the appropriate people, he would change his grade.

Determining to make this a reality, he sent the flag with accompanying story to his United States Representative. It was placed in a safe place – and sure enough Hawaii was brought into the union. The search was now on to present ideas on the 50-star

flag design to become the next official flag to be chosen by President Dwight Eisenhower. In the process, Bob's flag was pulled from the Congressman's file and presented. The flag made the final cut and was presented to the President for the final selection. Robert Heft's flag was chosen and on July 4, 1960 was officially presented to the nation with Bob at the Capitol with President Eisenhower.

The original flag made by Bob has flown over every state capitol and the Capitol in Washington, DC. It has also flown over most major significant historical sites in the United States and the majority of our nation's Embassies. While flying in South Vietnam, it received a bullet hole in the lower left-hand corner. It was mended by the government and is now in Bob's possession. He takes it with him on his speaking programs with children and various civic and patriotic organizations.

Mr. Heft has done USO shows for our overseas troops with Bob Hope and met every President since Eisenhower. He has numerous historical flags and a book on flag history and etiquette in his personal collection among many other mementos from his public activities. He will always go out of his way to support the American Flag through whatever means necessary. It is not a political issue with him but rather an issue of what the flag stands for in our nation's collective conscience.

## President General To Address NCPO

President General Reon G. Hillegass will be the guest speaker at the Eighth Annual Congress scheduled to be held on April 12th by the National Congress of Patriotic Organizations. The event will take place at Collingwood which is located near Mt. Vernon, Virginia. Collingwood, was originally a home built by George Washington and is now the Headquarters for National Soujourners, an organization whose members are Master Masons with military service as officers.

According to NCPO President Hamilton L. Robinson, a Compatriot residing in Bethesda, Maryland, the gathering will include a traditional business meeting – plus announcement of the winners in an essay contest sponsored by the organization. Youths and adults alike have been submitting essays on what the theme "Patriotism, Family Values and Truthfulness" means in their daily lives. The three top winners will receive cash awards.

The NCPO is an affiliation of a wide range of patriotic and hereditary societies. Many of its officers are members of the SARs. Member organizations range from Founders and Patriots to the C.A.R. and Sons of Union Veterans.

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## National Archives Web Site Features Charters Of Freedom

Those with Internet capabilities on their computer are encouraged to call up the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, DC for a superb site relative to our country's **Charters of Freedom** – plus a new feature about the **1297 Magna Carta**.

The Charters – consisting of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights – are seen by more than a million visitors to the Rotunda of NARA. Although there is no substitute for an actual visit, this online exhibit allows one to study the documents in greater detail than is possible at the Rotunda. Each has

### Declaration of Independence

The image of the Declaration is taken from the engraving made by printer William J. Stone in 1823 and is the most frequently reproduced version of the document. The original Declaration, now exhibited in the Rotunda, has faded badly – largely because of poor preservation techniques during the 19th century. Today, this priceless item is maintained under the most exacting archival conditions possible.

You can display a high-resolution version of both the original Declaration and the Stone engraving.

### Constitution

Included here are several invaluable areas of information: (1) How the document was developed; (2) A page, entitled "The Founding Fathers", which features the biographies and images of the 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention; (3) A transcription of the complete text, plus hyperlinks to biographies of each of the 39 delegates who signed the Constitution; (4) The article "A More Perfect Union", an in-depth look at the Convention and the ratification process; (5) Dozens of fascinating facts under the heading "Questions and Answers Pertaining to the Constitution."

You can also display a high-resolution image of each of the document's four pages and the Letter of Transmittal.

### Bill of Rights

An historical summary of how this Charter came about is accompanied by transcriptions of Amendments 1-10 and 11-27 of the Constitution. Also featured is an image of the joint resolution of Congress proposing 12 articles as amendments to the Constitution as enrolled on parchment by William Lambert, a Clerk of the House. The Bill of Rights, as this parchment is now known, may be seen on your monitor as a high-resolution image.

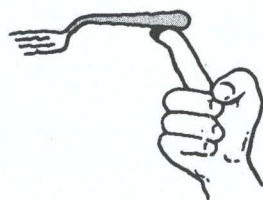
### Magna Carta

The 1297 Magna Carta page consists of a high-resolution image of this unique document, which is on loan from the Perot Foundation. Featured is an English translation and a brief history of the artifact, citing its influence on American Constitution-makers.

### How To Access

This highly informative site may be accessed at <http://www.nara.gov/exhall/> at any time. Since "exhall" is an abbreviation for "Exhibit Hall", the site boasts other documents as well – including the Emancipation Proclamation.

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## How A Safe Repository Was Located For Genealogical Research Papers

By Col. Douglas A. Harper, President Mississippi Society

The six file boxes of genealogical research material and notes collected by H.H. Daniels, a resident of Bay Springs, Mississippi, have found a final resting place several years after his death. They are now available for research at the Bay Springs Municipal Library.

Mr. Daniels was a genealogist who did research on his own family lines, and on families in his area for others. For a number of years he was the Genealogist for the Mississippi Society and assisted many applicants with their research and applications. He was the Organizing President of the Jacob Horger Chapter in Laurel in 1989. The Chapter was named for one of his Patriot ancestors.

He published books on some of his own ancestors, including the Ulmer Family. When he unexpectedly died in November 1992, he had not made any written provisions for the disposition of his files. His heirs were not interested in genealogy and desired to clean out his files. Rev. Stanley Doggett, also a member of the Horger Chapter, heard that the material was not wanted by the family and volunteered to get the boxes and find a home for them. He gave them to someone in the Laurel area where they stayed for a while and were then given to someone in Hattiesburg.

### Search For Files Launched

Shortly after Daniels died, two searches began for the files in an effort to get them to a repository where they could be used. One search was being done by Col. Douglas Harper, at the time Mississippi Society 1st Vice President, who knew Mr. Daniels from his SAR membership and also a genealogist who wanted to see the files saved if they could be found. Rev. Doggett told him that he could get them, but when he went to do just that, he could not find them. While Compatriot Harper was at NSSAR Headquarters for a Trustees Meeting, he told LTC Richard Jordan about his search; Jordan had been a member of the same Chapter as Mr. Daniels, who had done research for him on some of his ancestors. Jordan said that he knew the files were with his cousin in Hattiesburg. Col. Harper then traveled there and found the files and after explaining the plan to save them, they were offered to him.

Col. Harper cleaned up the files and indexed the major ones and a portion of the material in each. Some time later the second searcher got in touch with him about the files. Ms. Marsha Ulmer of Columbia, South Carolina was trying to find the files since she had done extensive research on the Ulmer family and was trying to make connections to the Ulmers that Mr. Daniels had written about. She found that some colonel in Biloxi had the files and began



Col. Douglas A. Harper, the author of this article, is shown with Ms. Jane Bryant, Bay Springs Municipal Librarian, opening the boxes that had housed the genealogical record collection of H.H. Daniels.

searching there. After a number of phone calls, she reached Col. Harper and told him of her search. She had first gone to the Bay Springs Municipal Library whose librarian, Ms. Jane Bryant, had also searched for the files. It appears that Mr. Daniels had always told the librarian that they would get his files, but since he died unexpectedly and had not made any written provisions for their disposition, they were not turned over to the library.

### Library Becomes Repository

After talking to Ms. Bryant about her desire to get the Daniels files for retention at the Bay Springs Municipal Library, Col. Harper told her that he was delighted to finally find a repository for them in a logical location where they could be used. His and the NSSAR intent had always been to get them into a library or research facility.

The six boxes of approximately 6 cubic feet of files were turned over to Ms. Bryant in October 1995 at the Bay Springs Municipal Library. The library provided a new file cabinet and hanging folders to house the material; it is available to researchers in Mr. Daniels' home town after being out of circulation for years.

**The Mississippi Society is proud to have had a role in getting this material in a safe place where it can be used. Anyone who is a genealogist with a collection of material should make sure that their files go to either some family member with a great interest in continuing the genealogical research or to some library or research facility so they will not be lost on the death of the genealogist. Often the files of a dedicated**

researcher will contain original documents of a family that are not located anywhere else and any loss of them is mourned by many other searchers.

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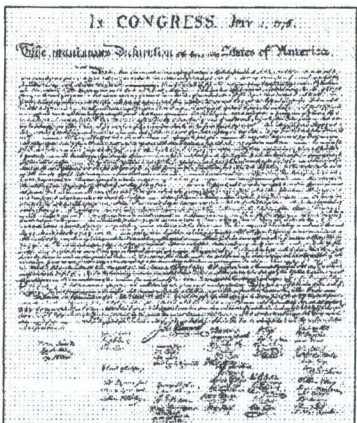
F&PAs are lineally descended in the male line of either parent from an ancestor who settled in any Colony now included in the U.S. prior to May 13, 1657; and whose forefathers in the same male ancestral line adhered as Patriots to the cause of the American Revolution from 1775 to 1783.

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### The Declaration of Independence

Drafted by Thomas Jefferson between June 11 and June 28, 1776, the Declaration of Independence is at once the nation's most cherished symbol of liberty and Jefferson's most enduring monument. Here, in exalted and unforgettable phrases, Jefferson expressed the convictions in the minds and hearts of the American people. The political philosophy of the Declaration was not new; its ideals of individual liberty had already been expressed by John Locke and the Continental philosophers. What Jefferson did was to summarize this philosophy in "self-evident truths" and set forth a list of grievances against the King in order to justify before the world the breaking of ties between the colonies and the mother country. We invite you to read a transcription of the complete text of the Declaration.



**Important note:** This image of the Declaration is taken from the engraving made by printer William J. Stone in 1823 and is the most frequently reproduced version of the document. The original Declaration, now exhibited in the Rotunda of the National Archives in Washington, DC, has faded badly—largely because of poor preservation techniques during the 19th century. Today, this priceless document is maintained under the most exacting archival conditions possible.

You can display a high-resolution version of the [original Declaration](#) (137K JPEG) or a high-resolution version of the [Stone engraving](#) (180K JPEG).

To enrich your understanding of the Declaration of Independence, we recommend:

- The article "*The Declaration of Independence: A History*", which provides a detailed account of the Declaration, from its drafting through its preservation today at the National Archives.
- "*The Stylistic Artistry of the Declaration of Independence*" by Stephen Lucas. By closely examining its language, this perceptive article sheds light on the Declaration as a work of literature and of persuasion. From *Prologue*, Spring 1990.
- The *Virginia Declaration of Rights* strongly influenced Thomas Jefferson in writing the first part of the Declaration of Independence. It later provided the foundation for the Bill of Rights.

This is how a typical page in the Charters of Freedom site appears, this one highlighting the Declaration of Independence. Some pages contain images of the Founding Fathers.

been carefully scanned from some of the most highly detailed photographs ever made. In addition, the exhibit permits examining the Letter of Transmittal and pages two and three of the Constitution, which are only rarely displayed.

Each section on a particular Charter begins with brief historical information that reviews how it evolved.

To enrich understanding of the Declaration of Independence, the site lists recommended reading. Included is the article entitled "The Declaration of Independence: A History", which provides a detailed account from its drafting through its preservation today at the National Archives. Young students will especially find this interesting.



## Genealogical Inquiries

This service of assisting in genealogical research is offered to everyone. Your message will reach over 26,000 members of the SAR.

Payment must be made in advance at the rate of \$2.00 per line, with copy either typed or hand-lettered. Total cost may be calculated on the basis of 40 characters in each line, including your name and address.

Mail copy and payment to The SAR Magazine, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203. Make checks payable to "Treasurer General, SAR."

**POPE:** Seeking ances. and desc. of Lt. Col. Nathaniel Pope (c1600-60) of Popes Creek, VA, to update history. *James H. Barr, 100 Westwind Rd., Louisville, KY 40207.*

**BARR:** Seeking info on James Barr, Johnston James Barr, Robert Barr and William Barr who were living in Montgomery Co., Ky. in 1800. *James H. Barr, 100 Westwind Rd., Louisville, KY 40207.*

**LAUGHTON:** Seeking info on John Laughton of Scotland, reputed to be captain of iron clad "Isabella." *James H. Barr, 100 Westwind Rd., Louisville, KY 40207.*

**GRIFFIN:** Seeking info on John Griffin of Fishkill, NY, reputed to be colonel in 1777. *James H. Barr, 100 Westwind Rd., Louisville, KY 40207.*

**MCLAR(E)N, DAVID:** Seeking info on David McLar(e)n, farmer, Darlington, Beaver Co., PA died 1894. Step-parent of Thomas James (ANDERSON) McLaren. *Contact: Harold J. McLaren, 20 East 32 Street, Erie, PA 16504*

Searching for descendants of King Robert The Bruce. Bruces sept names Carlisle, Carruthers, Crosby, Randolph and Stenhouse. Contact David Evans, R.I. Covenor Family of Bruce Society in America. *8 Sherbrooke Road, Barrington, R.I. 02908.*

Seek info - Ancestors - Descendants & Histories of *Mary Bryan* wife of John Lee Esq. of Johnson Co., NC. *Murray McDaniel, 1705 First Ave., Opelika, AL 36801.*

Seeking info on ancestor of **George Lynch** b. Cap Francais, St. Dominigue 1801/1802; Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 1856. The Juge Charles Lynch was the brother of his grand father. *Reply to Madame de Rochefort, Neuville, 03410 Teillet-Arigny, France.*

## SAR, DAR Chapters Stage Gala Ball

Over 160 SARs, DARs and guests were on hand for the 1996 Sons and Daughters Gala Ball co-sponsored in November by the 1st New York Continental Chapter and the DAR New York City Chapter. Among the numerous distinguished personages present were President General and Mrs. Reon G. Hillegass; DAR President General Mrs. Doria Eaton Kemper and her Compatriot husband, Charles; Former Presidents General William C. Gist and James B. Gardiner II; Empire State Society President and Mrs. Stephen A. Arter; and New York State DAR Regent Mrs. Marikay McHoul and her husband, Douglas.



President General and Mrs. Reon G. Hillegass were among the many dignitaries present for the Gala Ball.



DAR President General Mrs. Doria Eaton Kemper and her husband, Charles, were pleased to be among the attendees at the Gala Ball. A member of the California Society, Compatriot Kemper is serving as Chairman of the National Society's DAR Liaison Committee.

The affair was staged at the prestigious Yale Club in midtown Manhattan. Serving as co-hosts were Chapter President Charles T. Galbraith and his lady, NYC Chapter Regent Diana T. Galbraith.

Both Presidents General addressed attendees relative to the broad achievements that the Chapters had made - independently and jointly in the area. Mrs. Kemper praised Mrs. Galbraith for winning the 1996 New York State Regent of



DAR PG Mrs. Kemper was pleased to present the Golden Key Award to Chapter President Charles T. Galbraith.

the Year Award, chosen from 157 Chapters, and presented her with an additional Certificate of Appreciation for the Chapter's 100% participation in funding the DAR PG's Project "Keys to the Columns", an ongoing fund for restoration of Constitution Hall in Washington, DC.

Mrs. Kemper then presented the coveted Golden Key Award for Outstanding Achievement to Chapter President Galbraith. She cited him "as the driving force behind the renewed spirit of cooperation that has brought so much enthusiasm and life back into the New York City SAR-DAR community."

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Trustees Meeting**  
Louisville, KY, March 7-8,  
1997 - National Headquarters

**107th Annual Congress**  
Baltimore, MD, July 5-9, 1997  
Hyatt-Inner Harbor Hotel

**Trustees Meeting**  
Louisville, KY, September 26-27,  
1997 - National Headquarters

**108th Annual Congress**  
Orlando, FL, June 6-10, 1998  
Hilton-Disney World Hotel

**109th Annual Congress**  
San Diego, CA, July 3-7, 1999  
Hyatt Regency Hotel

**110th Annual Congress**  
Boston, MA, June 24-28, 2000  
Westin Copley Plaza Hotel

**111th Annual Congress**  
Louisville, KY, June 30-July 4, 2001  
Hyatt Regency Hotel

**112th Annual Congress**  
Nashville, TN, June 29-July 3, 2002  
Stouffer Renaissance Hotel

## 1st Battle Of Revolutionary War Marked At Point Pleasant, WV

By Paul M. Frantz, Chairman Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee

Former President General Charles F. Printz, a member of the West Virginia Society, presented the National Society's wreath at the SAR Memorial Service during the 222nd anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant on October 13, 1996. The service, conducted in memory of the Virginia militiamen killed in that battle, is

"an opening engagement of the American Revolution", the battle was a day-long engagement between the Ohio Indian Confederation led by Shawnee Chief Cornstalk and a Virginia militia force commanded by Col. Andrew Lewis and other Virginians who would later become founders and leaders of the states of the



Participants in the Point Pleasant program presented a large number of commemorative wreaths at "The Magazine". Among them was Former President General Charles F. Printz (center, forefront). *All photos courtesy Joann Sauer.*

held annually at the site of the October 10, 1774 engagement in a state park at the confluence of the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers which today is Point Pleasant, WV. President Raymond G. Musgrave, Point Pleasant Chapter, WVSSAR, was the Master of Ceremonies.

Recognized in 1908 in a United States Resolution and acknowledged by the National Societies of the SAR and DAR as



The Kansas Society banner was clearly visible at the presentation of the Society's wreath by President Edgar E. Grover.

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Former President General and Mrs. Charles F. Printz (right) were pleased to participate in the program as were (from left) WVSSAR Secretary George A. Vaughan, Point Pleasant Chapter President Raymond G. Musgrave and Mrs. Musgrave.

Regiment, Col. Charles Lewis, who was killed in the battle.

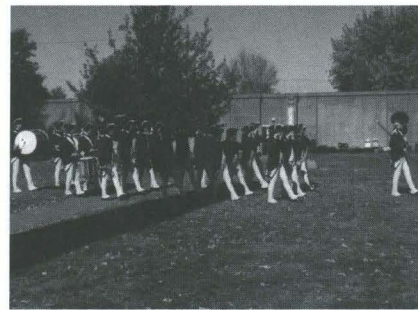
Compatriot Printz addressed the assembly participants and spectators after the wreaths had been laid at "The Magazine" as did Ms. Jimelle Rumberg, State Regent, West Virginia Society, NSDAR, who also presented a wreath on behalf of her Society. The honors and salutes at the presentations were directed to a staff unit of the 116th Infantry Brigade, Virginia National Guard. Its commander, Col. Stephen E. Aey, and Brigadier General Lloyd D. McDaniel, Assistant Division Commander, 29th Infantry Division, VANG returned the salutes from the other side of "The Magazine". The Brigade is the current successor unit in military genealogy to the Augusta County Regiment of 1774.

### FPG Printz Named "Colonial Governor"

The Memorial Service is the closing event of a weekend celebration, known as "Battle Days", sponsored by the Point Pleasant community. The festivities included a "Colonial Governor's Reception and Ball" at which FPG Printz was declared the "Colonial Governor". On the following day, he was Grand Marshall of the community parade. The parade's highlight was the presence again for the second year of "The Old Guard", the "President's Own" official ceremonial fife and drum corps, color guard and marching platoon. The lat-



The Fife and Drum Corps fielded by the West Virginia Society's Gen. Andrew Lewis Chapter played colonial tunes.



Performing smartly were members of the "Old Guard", an elite ceremonial unit from Washington, DC which participates in a variety of official government events.

ter unit presented a spectacular drill performance in the afternoon. Additionally, there were numerous street exhibits, music by a West Virginia fife and drum corps and the Point Pleasant High School Band, "The Black Knights", and a small encampment with several re-enactors demonstrating frontier military life. Compatriot Scott Sarver, VASSAR, had organized the encampment whose musketeers fired a final salute on the banks of the Kanawha to



A re-enactor of the Frontier Encampment discussed making frontier medicines.

close the ceremony. It was an unparalleled day of Fall weather for the event.

#### Numerous Wreaths Presented

These organizations presented commemorative wreaths: NSSAR by FPG Printz; VASSAR by President Lorraine D. Lisle; PASSAR by 1st Vice President Joseph M. Shaffer; OHSSAR by President Martin Whetstone; INSSAR by Alternate National Trustee Lowell E. Nichols; KSSAR by President Edgar R. Grover; KYSAR by President Donald G. Meredith and Central District VPG Thomas L. Riley; DCSSAR by President Andrew M. Johnson; WVSSAR by President Lyle D. McCullough; Fairfax Resolves Chapter, VASSAR, by President Dennis J. Hickey IV; Fincastle Resolutions Chapter, VASSAR, by Paul M. Frantz; and the George Mason Chapter, VASSAR, by Past President Andrew M. Johnson.

## SAR HISTORIC CELEBRATIONS

This new listing has been compiled by Paul Franz, Chairman of the National Society Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee. Plans call for updating it in future issues of the magazine. SARs are encouraged to submit information about future events to him at 4933 Buckhorn Rd., Hunting Hills, Roanoke, VA 24014. You are invited to attend each one!

#### February 22 - Philadelphia, PA:

11:00am. Independence Hall, celebration of Washington's birthday. 11:30am. Washington Square, wreath laying. Sponsored by PASSAR.

#### February 22 - Mt. Vernon, VA:

11:00am. Washington Family Tomb. Wreath laying. SAR participants.

#### March 2 - Burlington, NC:

2:00pm. 216th Anniversary Battle of Clapp's Mill, ceremony and wreath laying. Sponsored by NCSSAR.

#### March 15 - Guilford Courthouse National Battlefield, NC:

1:00pm. Annual memorial service, wreath laying. Sponsored by NCSSAR.

#### March 16 - Montpelier, VA:

11:00am. National Commemorative Service of Madison's birthday, wreath laying. VASSAR participants.

#### April 7-14 - New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette:

Visit of France Society SAR.

#### April 13 - Monticello, VA:

10:00am. Celebration of Jefferson's birthday, wreath laying. VASSAR participants.

#### April 13 - Jefferson Memorial, Washington, DC:

11:00am. National Commemorative Service of Jefferson's birthday, wreath laying. Sponsored by DCSSAR.

#### April 19 - Concord, MA:

8:00am. Wreath laying at Col. Buttrick's grave. 9:00am. Parade and Ceremonies at The Bridge. MASSAR Color Guard participants.

#### April 19 - Dover, DE: (Sheraton Inn)

9:00am. Commemoration of Battle of Lexington and Concord. Sponsored by DESSAR.

#### April 28 - Richmond, VA: (Hollywood Cemetery)

11:00am. National Commemorative Service of Monroe's birthday, wreath laying. 12:00 noon. (Capitol Building Rotunda) Annual service at Monroe's bust, wreath laying. Co-sponsored by VASSAR.

#### May 16 - Alamance, NC:

2:00pm. 226th anniversary Battle of Alamance, Ceremony and wreath laying. Sponsored by NCSSAR.

#### May 28 - Philadelphia, PA:

4:00pm. Washington Square, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, wreath laying. PASSAR participants.

#### May 23-25 - New Haven, CT:

6th Continental Line battle reenactments, encampment, etc. Sponsored by CTSSAR.

#### May 30 - Westwood, MA:

9:30am. Memorial Day parade and wreath laying. MASSAR Color Guard participants.

#### June 28 - Charleston, SC:

3:00pm. Parade and ceremony re Battle of Sullivan's Island (1st Battle of Charleston). Wreath laying. SAR participants.

#### June 29 - Baltimore, MD:

Old St. Paul's Cemetery 9:00am. Memorial ceremonies of US military veterans. Wreath laying. Sponsored by MDSSAR.

#### July 4 - NATIONWIDE:

2:00pm. EDST. "Let Freedom Ring" bell ringing, 13 tolls on all church bells, courthouses, city halls, carillons, national monuments, university towers, ships at sea. Sponsored by PASSAR.

#### July 4 - Philadelphia, PA:

12:45 - Band concert, ceremonies. "Let Freedom Ring" bell ringing at Independence Square, Liberty Bell Pavilion, Tomb of Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier. Sponsored by PASSAR.

#### July 4 - Connecticut-wide:

"Let Freedom Ring" bell ringing ceremonies. 2:00pm. Sponsored by CTSSAR.

#### July 4 - Litchfield, CT:

9:30am. East Cemetery, Wreath laying at Wolcott/Talmadge Graves. SAR participants.

#### July 4 - Delaware Independence Day Celebrations:

10:00am. Dagsboro Episcopal Church; 10:00am. Wilmington Old Swede's Church; 12:00. Dover Christ Episcopal Church. Sponsored by DESSAR.

#### July 4 - Boston, MA, Navy Yard:

9:00am. Ceremonies at USS Constitution. MASSAR Color Guard, SAR participants.

#### July 4 - Norwood, MA:

5:00pm. Independence Day Parade. MASSAR Color Guard. SAR participants.

#### July 4 - Mt. Vernon, VA:

12:00 noon. Wreath laying at Washington's tomb. SAR sponsored.

## Michael Cresap - Frontier Patriot

Former President General Carl F. Bessent recounts how this rugged individual gave up business interests to lead infantry forces against the British.

At the outbreak of hostilities between the American Colonies and the Mother Country in 1775, Michael Cresap, a well known frontiersman, led the first military unit from the Southern Colonies north to support the Colonial forces fighting the British in Massachusetts. The march was an outstanding feat.

Renowned Michael Cresap, born in 1742, was the youngest son of Thomas Cresap, famed trapper and trader who settled on the disputed land between Pennsylvania and Maryland in the Susquehanna River region.

Michael Cresap possessed the adventurous spirit of his father. He married Mary Whitehead and became an Indian trader. At this time there were running conflicts by the Indians on the settling families living on the frontier regions. Michael gave up his commercial pursuits and joined the forces fighting the Indians. He became the leader of the frontiersmen against the harrasing Indians who were resisting the land encroachment of the pioneers by plundering and murdering the settlers. Michael Cresap soon was the subject of many frontier tales.

Michael blazed the first trails through the wilderness and across the Alleghenys. His trails became the gateways to the West.

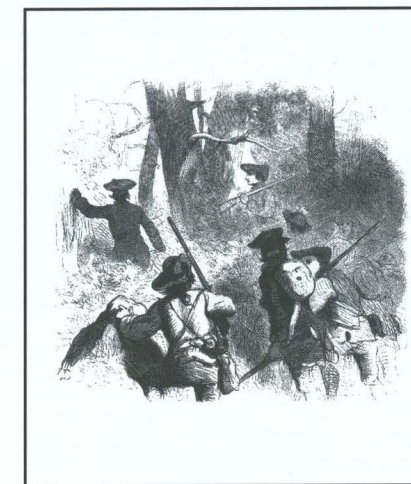
In 1774 Cresap recruited pioneer families and settled in the area of present day West Virginia between the Great Kanawha and Monongahela Rivers. This was the early effort of the acquisition of the Northwest Territory. Cresap crossed the mountains to participate in the coming events of the struggle for America's Independence.

#### Commanded Infantry Units

The Continental Congress authorized the raising of two companies of light infantry with Michael Cresap as the first Captain. He accepted the command despite being in ill health. The men of his command were the frontiersmen from the Ohio Valley region, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland. These men were shrewd, lean, with hard searching eyes. One

characteristic these mountain men possessed was an abiding hatred of the British Government and its tax laws.

On July 18, 1775 130 men - dressed in buckskin clothes, wearing moccasins and equipped with back-packs, tomahawks and long rifles - left Frederick Town in western Maryland. These frontiersmen were fierce fighters and skilled marksmen. They knew how to live off the land by subsisting on water, parched corn and killed game. The 550 mile journey through unfamiliar and strange country was completed in 21 days, averaging more than 25 miles each day. It was an outstanding march by a force of men in the Revolutionary War One older and more experienced frontiersmen said, "It was a pleasant walk."



After reaching Massachusetts, Cresap and his men were ordered into the battle lines at Roxbury. Their marksman skill proved fatal to any British soldier who became a target. These mountainmen were the first colonials to cross bayonets with the experienced British regulars.

The frontiersmen from the Allegheny Mountain regions became so feared by the British that orders were issued that they were not to be treated as prisoners of war but to be summarily executed. However, the

frontiersmen captured many British prisoners, and the threat was never carried out.

#### Dies Of Fever In New York City

In October General Washington dispatched Cresap with important messages to his generals in New York City. After reaching the city, Captain Cresap became gravely ill with a high fever. He died at the young age of 33 on October 18, 1775 and was buried in the Trinity Episcopal Church graveyard, Broadway and Wall Streets. His grave is marked with a small brownstone tablet close to the walkway to the church entrance.

His obituary was published in a New York newspaper: "On the 18th, Michael Cresap, Esquire, son of Thomas Esquire, departed this life of a fever. He was a captain of a rifle company now in the Continental Army before Boston. He had served as a captain under the command of Lord Dunmore in the late expedition against the Indians in which he eminently distinguished himself by his prudence, firmness and initiative as a brave officer, and in the present contest between the parent state and the colonies gave proof of his attachment to the rights and liberties of his country. He left a widow and four children to deplore the loss of a husband and father, and by his death his country is deprived of a worthy and esteemed citizen."

Following the grave service a gentleman was heard to say: "I myself would not begrudge to go today if my funeral would be as splendid and honorable as Captain Cresap's."

Every day thousands pass by Trinity Episcopal Church in the busy financial district of Wall Street unaware that within a few feet from where they pass rests one of the most romantic personalities of the early frontier days and the Revolutionary War. Michael Cresap gave his full measure to his country before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. He should be remembered.

# State Society and Chapter EVENTS



**DEADLINES FOR FUTURE ISSUES:**  
**Spring (May) - March 15; Summer (August) - June 15; Fall (November) - September 15; Winter (February) - December 15**

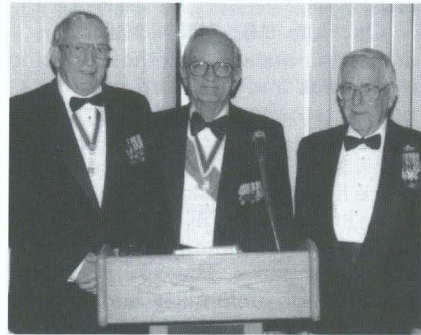
All news stories about State and Chapter events appearing here and elsewhere in the magazine are prepared from materials submitted through a variety of means, including press releases and newsletters (which should be directed to the Editor at the address shown on the bottom of page 3).

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.

## Alabama Society

Dr. Henry N. McCarl, now serving as the Society's National Trustee, was among the speakers at a recent ceremony conducted by the DAR Chief Tuscaloosa Chapter to dedicate a marker recognizing the Revere Bell at First United Methodist Church in Tuscaloosa. Cast in 1828 by Paul Revere and the Sons of Boston, it is the only known such bell in Alabama.



A feature of the Society's November meeting was offering the Charter to the new **Skyline Chapter**. Participating in the ceremony were (from left): Chapter President Charles E.E. Harrar, President General Reon G. Hillegass and Society President Frank C. O'Bannon.

## Arizona Society

In mid-November the Society was pleased to welcome President General and Mrs. Reon G. Hillegass to a formal dinner at the Skyline Country Club in Tucson. Following dinner and his presentation of the Charter to the newly formed **Skyline Chapter**, he addressed the assemblage on the life of James Monroe.

Saturday morning saw a business meeting and luncheon. President Frank C. O'Bannon, Jr. announced that the Society had met its 1995-96 membership goal with 26 new SARs being certified by the National Society. A highlight was presentation of a bronze statue to the PG as shown in an accompanying photo.



Compatriot James N. Muir (center), a noted sculptor, presented a bronze statue entitled "Sons of Liberty" to President General Reon G. Hillegass (right) for display in the National Society's Museum at Louisville. Observing was President Frank C. O'Bannon.

## Arkansas Society



When the South Central District met in Shawnee Mission, Kansas at the end of September, a number of Arkansas Compatriots were in attendance. They are shown with President General Reon G. Hillegass (center) and Charles Overton (at left of the PG), Vice-President General, (from left): National Trustee Duane Vandenberg, President Danny Honnoll, VP Bill Cox and Gabby Gothright.

## California Society

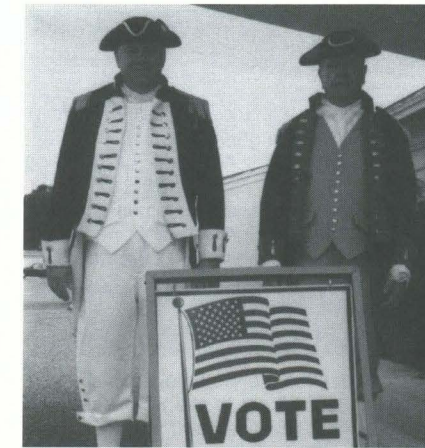


Two survivors of "That Day of Infamy" at Pearl Harbor were guests of honor and speakers at the December meeting of the **Coachella Valley Chapter**: Bud Cantrell (center) and Paul Adams (right). They were introduced by Vice President Doyle Kitchell, who was clad in the uniform of his Patriot ancestor, Captain Obadiah Kitchell.

The **Sacramento Chapter's** September meeting featured a talk about the Battle of White Plains by President Del Hanson. A battle participant was one of his ancestors who was a member of a Maryland regiment. His slides showed that the size of the battlefield has been dramatically diminished by modern development.

Serving as guest speaker at the October meeting of the **Thomas Jefferson Chapter** in Oakland was Sister Aquinas Nimitz, daughter of famed Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. She related several stories that demonstrated his leadership philosophy and stated that he was able to learn from tragedies without searching for a scapegoat.

## Florida Society



When Secretary General Carl K. Hoffmann (right) and Society President Rollin L. Bauchspies voted during the November election at the Neptune Beach Precinct, their Revolutionary War uniforms gained the attention of many others and mention in the local newspaper.

Special FBI Agent Raul Pompa told attendees at the October meeting of the **Fort Lauderdale Chapter** about terrorist attacks throughout the world. He stated that until the last couple of years, bombings in public places occurred overseas but rarely if ever in the United States. Now, he pointed out, such acts are becoming more common place in our country - from the World Trade Center to the Olympics.

At the September meeting of the **Clearwater Chapter**, Dr. David Rose talked on today's challenges in education in the public school systems. A past Pinellas County School Superintendent, he decried the attempt in the United States to develop national history standards as "political correctness" in lieu of presenting history in the context of our true heritage. He recalled his first encounter with the term was in The Peoples' Republic of China where ideology held sway over historical accuracy.

## Connecticut Society



In October the **General Israel Putnam Branch** presented a Revolutionary War lecture for the Connecticut In-Home Schoolers. Children were allowed to handle reproduction muskets and equipment traditionally used by Patriots. Adults and children alike were enthusiastic about the program.

## Delaware Society

On the Fourth of July Compatriots and guests participated in ceremonies at the grave sites of Patriots Richard Bassett and Caesar Rodney. Bassett was a Signer of the United States Constitution, while Rodney signed the Declaration of Independence.

## District of Columbia Society



The 19th Annual Potowmack Ball sponsored by the Society saw these seven C.A.R. debutantes presented. The guests of honor were President General and Mrs. Reon G. Hillegass.

## Georgia Society

The 11th Annual Constitution Week Luncheon, held jointly by the SAR and DAR Societies, drew a record number of over 200 attendees; 11 SAR Chapters were represented. Paul S. Hudson, Registrar and Lecturer in History at Oglethorpe University, spoke on Catherine Drinker Bowen's book, "Miracle at Philadelphia."

When the Society's Board of Managers met in the Officers Club at Robins Air Force Base this fall, the Silver Good Citizenship Medal was presented to Maj. Gen. Rhondal H. Smith, Base Commander.

Ben Percell, a member of the Georgia General Assembly, was guest speaker for the November meeting of the **Piedmont Chapter**. He served with distinction for 30 years in the U.S. Army, including combat

in Korea and Vietnam. He was a POW for 62 months after the helicopter on which he was a passenger was shot down in Vietnam.



Superior Court Judge William J. Smith (right) was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal during the December Christmas Banquet of the **Coweta Falls Chapter**. Doing the honors was President James Holman. Over 90 members and guests were in attendance, a record for this annual event.



As a result of efforts begun by Former President General Robert B. Vance, a member of the Georgia Society, the **Joseph Habersham Chapter** became the Society's 22nd in November. At that time Society President Dr. T. Fisher Craft (left) presented the Charter to President John P. Hendrix, while Regional VP Herbert B. Braselton observed. Meetings will be rotated monthly between Cornelia, Toccoa and Clarksville.

## Illinois Society

The Union League Club of Chicago was the setting for the November meeting of the **Fort Dearborn-Chicago Chapter**. Receiving the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was the Hon. Abraham L. Marovitz, Senior Federal Judge U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Since his graduation from Kent Law School in 1925 at age 19, he has led a distinguished career as a lawyer, prosecutor and jurist.

## Indiana Society

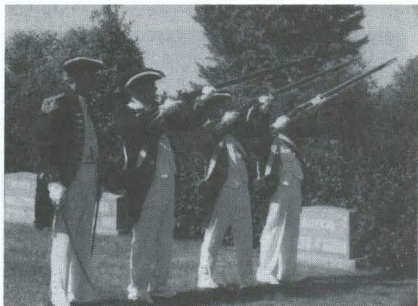


A highlight of the Society's Fall Meeting in Indianapolis was presentation of the Martha Washington Medal to Karen Bragg by Vice President D. Ray Jewel for her outstanding contributions to the SAR. Observing at the right was Dr. Charles F. Bragg, her husband who is the State Genealogist and Director of the Society's North Central District.

The **Anthony Halberstadt Chapter** held a joint meeting during September at Fort Wayne with the Indiana Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. Guest Speaker Alfred J. Zacker discussed his latest book,

"Trial and Triumph", which covers presidential power during the second term of office. Twenty-six Presidents served at least a portion of their second term in office.

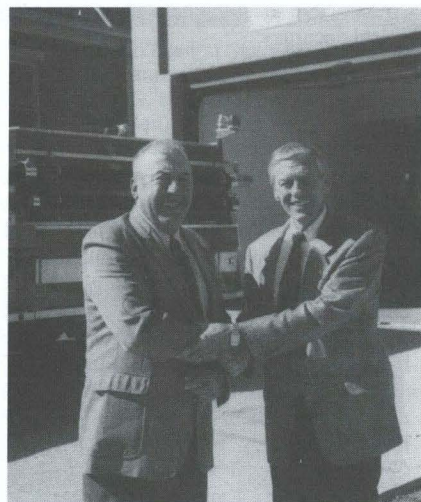
## Kentucky Society



A Service of Remembrance for V. Edward Masters, M.D., Past President of the **Louisville-Thruston Chapter**, was held in mid-October at his grave site in Cave Hill Cemetery. Saluting him were a large number of Chapter Compatriots and guests, including the Color Guard which he organized while President. Among the participants were Mrs. Masters (right foreground), Former President General Benjamin H. Morris, Dr. Jack J. Early and Cmdr. L. Duncan Stokes.



**Capt. John Scott Chapter** President Jack Horner (left) and Society National Trustee Rollie Graves (right) were on hand for the Central District Meeting in October at Lexington, Kentucky. Posing with them here were President General Reon G. Hillegass (second from left) and George McGee, Jr., an actor who portrayed the rebellious Baptist preacher, Rev. Elijah Craig.



In November Georgetown Police Chief Charlie Sutton (left) was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal by the **Capt. John Scott Chapter**. Doing the honors was Awards Chairman Billy Singer.

## Louisiana Society

The **George Washington Chapter** in September celebrated for the first time the birthday of the Marquis de Lafayette, who was born on September 6, 1757, with a luncheon at the Metairie Country Club near New Orleans. With the dining room decorated with United States, French and SAR Flags, Dr. Homer J. Dupuy, Jr. offered an inspiring and thoughtful speech on the Patriot and U.S./French relations. Lafayette was a link between the Revolutionary War and Louisiana because he was offered the governorship of the Louisiana Territory, which he declined. He visited New Orleans in 1825 and stayed at the Cabildo as a guest of the city. At the time this building served as city hall.



Following his talk at the September meeting of the **George Washington Chapter** Dr. Homer J. Dupuy, Jr. (left) was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal by President William H. Forman, Jr.



Monroe was the locale for the Constitution Dinner staged by the **Benjamin Tennille Chapter** in early September. Among those attending were (from left): Bill Dent, a member of the Society's Board; Becky Harrod, a past national officer in the C.A.R.; Past President Fred Huenefeld, Jr.; and President Mark Dent. The guest speaker for the event was Lyndon LaRouche, who reviewed problems facing the world today.

## Maine Society



In October Harry W. Kingsley, Jr. (center) was awarded the Patriot Medal in recognition of the fact that during his 12 years as Secretary, he has signed up an average of 12 new members each year. Doing the honors were President Rev. Gary K. Price (left) and Harry G. Orcutt, Vice-President General for the New England District and a member of the Massachusetts Society.



Gotts Island Cemetery on Gotts Island was the September site of the dedication of a new marker at the grave site of Patriot Daniel Gotts, Jr., who lost his life at sea. Participating in the ceremony were Society President Rev. Gary K. Price and Mrs. Roger Montcalm of the DAR Desert Island Chapter.



One of the highlights of the Society's Annual Yorktown Victory Luncheon in October was awarding of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Lt. Paul W. Lucas of the Barnstable County Sheriff's Department. He was honored for saving a heart attack victim by his quick action on a local golf course.

## Maryland Society

The September meeting of the **Gen. William Smallwood Chapter** featured an address by Ralph Vincent, a representative of "The Friends of the President Street

Station" in Baltimore. His subject was the former railroad station that was located on President Street and played an important part at the beginning of the Civil War.



In mid-November the **John Hanson Chapter** met in Clinton to present the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to three honorees. Taking part in the program were (from left): President Douglas B. Stuart; LTC Gerry Powers, Office of the Prince Georges County Sheriff; Cpl. Charles C. Williams, Prince Georges County Sheriffs Department (awardee); Detective David McClintock, Maryland Park Police (awardee); Cpl. James Richardson, Prince Georges County Police Department (awardee); Capt. Tom Connelly, Prince Georges County Police Department; and William C. Austin, Jr., Society President.

## Massachusetts Society



When President General and Mrs. Reon G. Hillegass attended the Society's Annual Yorktown Victory Luncheon at Plimouth Plantation in October, President William E. Whidden presented her a decorative pin of the Boston Swan Boats.

## Michigan Society



In October the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was presented to Compatriot George M. Pennell II (center), Marquette Branch State Prison Administrative Assistant. Making the presentation was his father, Donald J. Pennell (left), a Past Society President. Also participating in the ceremony was Marquette Warden John W. Hawley.



In support of the Celebration of Rehabilitation at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Fort Custer, members of the **Sauk Trail Chapter** sponsored a "Classic Car" Show, parade, musical program and refreshments (from left): Clare Monroe, Henry Harvey, Robert Hayward, Michael Hayward and Robert Heydon.

## Mississippi Society



Presiding over the October meeting of the Southern District in Meridian was Vice-President General Martin W. McKinnon II. The event provided an opportunity to get acquainted with Compatriots who are seeking nomination to national offices; this was publicized as the Fourth Annual Candidate Forum and drew a number of potential future NSSAR leaders.

On the Fourth of July the **Coast Chapter** held a memorial service at the grave of Patriot Samuel Emory Davis in Biloxi. It is located in the Beauvoir Cemetery on the grounds of the last home of Jefferson Davis, the only President of the Confederate States and the son of Davis.

When the **Natchez Chapter** met in August, the guest speaker was Compatriot Marshall Mitchell. A Park Ranger, he chose as his topic "George Rogers Clark and the Long Knives."

Buchanan Meek, a Past President of the **Captain Hillhouse Chapter**, was the featured speaker at a recent Chapter meeting in Columbus-Starkville. He discussed Hernando DeSoto and his adventures in Mississippi while exploring the area for treasure. He stated that DeSoto and his party were probably the first white men to see the Mississippi River in whose waters he is supposed to have been buried.

## Missouri Society



The 15th Anniversary of the **Ozark Mountain Chapter**, held in July at Springfield with President Glenn Gohr presiding, drew over 30 Compatriots and guests. Among the dignitaries present was Former President General Dr. M. Graham Clark, who was also on hand when the Chapter was founded.

Dr. M. Graham Clark, a Former President General and President Emeritus of the College of the Ozarks, was the guest speaker for the mid-October meeting of the **Ozark Mountain Chapter**. The site selected was the Friendship House on the school's campus at Point Lookout (close to Branson). He offered entertaining and humorous stories about the SAR and the College.

## Nevada Society

Constitution Week was marked by

## New Hampshire Society



In late August Past Society President Donald M. Sumner (left, seated) and President Richard C. Wright (right) spoke with a prospective uniformed recruit at the Harvey Homestead and Muster Field Days at North Sutton. Last year ten new members were recruited at this event.

## Empire State Society (NY)

New York Governor George E. Pataki was the guest of honor and recipient of the Theodore Roosevelt Award at the **New York Chapter's** gala Theodore Roosevelt Dinner, which was held at the Union League Club in October. The occasion marked the beginning of the award's sec-

ond decade. During his acceptance speech, the Governor surprised Compatriot John L. Loeb, Jr. by appointing him to the State Environmental Commission. Among the dignitaries present were Society President and Mrs. Stephen B. Arter.



These **New York Chapter** Compatriots were sworn in by Society President Stephen A. Arter (front, center) as members of the Board of Managers: (front, from left) Professor Sidney J. Landmann, Robert A. Bell, U.S. District Judge Charles L. Briant, Jr., President Robert J. Stackpole, Past President Edward J. Gynn and NY City Landmarks Preservation Commissioner Rev. Thomas F. Pike; (back, from left) Ambassador John L. Loeb, Jr., Philip Migliori, Col. David Ramsay, Thomas D. Lovely and Ambassador Edward R. Finch, Jr.

the **Northern Chapter** and the DAR Sagebrush Chapter with a joint luncheon; over 50 were in attendance. The speaker was District Court Judge Connie Steinheime.

The **Southern Chapter** awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Administrative Law Judge David M. Schreiber at a recent ceremony.

The DAR Francis Garcia and Fire Chapters were delighted to have as guest speaker at a recent meeting the Society's National Trustee and President John E. Harney, Jr. He offered a slide presentation on the NSSAR trip to Europe.



Governor George E. Pataki (center) received the Theodore Roosevelt Award from Chapter President Robert J. Stackpole (left) and Edward J. Gynn, who founded the award over ten years ago.



James Harrington (right), who serves as Department Chief of the Gates Fire District, was presented the Fire Safety Commendation Award during a recent meeting of the **Rochester Chapter** by Awards Chairman Millard A. Fairley, Jr. The officer offered a talk appropriately titled "Fire Safety."

At a meeting of the **Syracuse Chapter** last year at Rome, the Oneida Nation was presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal in recognition of the fact that it gave substantial support to the colonists before and during the Revolutionary War. The Nation broke ranks with the rest of the Iroquois Confederacy to fight with the

Patriots and played crucial roles in some of the critical battles of the conflict with England. This difficult decision led to the first bloodshed against other Iroquois in centuries. The award was offered by Compatriot Don Piron to Brian Patterson, a member of the Men's Council.

## North Carolina Society



Receiving the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal at a recent meeting of the **Alamance Chapter** was Officer Darren Poe; he was recognized for saving the life of a 5-year-old girl injured in a car wreck in Burlington. Doing the honors was Secretary Herbert L. Duff.

## Ohio Society

The **George Rogers Clark Chapter** marked Constitution Week with a September dinner in Springfield that featured a talk about "The Battle of Lake Erie" by Gerald T. Althoff, Chief Ranger

and Historian, National Park Service, Perry's Victory and International Peace Monument, Put-in-Bay, Ohio. The engagement took place during the War of 1812.



The Annual Willard Night Banquet staged by the **Western Reserve Society** in Cleveland saw presentation of the prestigious Archibald Willard Bowl Award to Past President Henry T.S. Heckman (right) for his many years of activities on behalf of the SAR. Doing the honors was George P. Carmer, who serves as Chairman of the Award Selection Committee. Compatriot Willard rendered the famous inspirational painting entitled "Spirit of '76".



The historic 1884 Baum Opera House in the Dayton suburb of Miamisburg was the setting for the All Hallows Ball in October sponsored by the **Richard Montgomery Chapter**. The event commemorated the Bicentennial of the founding of Montgomery Township, which is named after General Montgomery of Revolutionary War fame. Planning the festive program were President and Mrs. Buddy Kline.



The **Western Reserve Society** Color Guard, now boasting 17 members, participated in the huge parade that commemorated the 200 anniversary of the founding of Cleveland in November. This was the group's 10th public appearance in 1996.



"Thanksgiving for the Blind" was the topic of an address before the November luncheon staged by the **Cincinnati Chapter** by Dr. Hank Baud (right), Executive Director of the Cincinnati Association for the Blind. He was presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal by Bert E. Sells.

### Oregon Society

The **Lewis & Clark Chapter** Color Guard played a prominent part in the Veterans Day Parade in Vancouver in early November. Riding along in Compatriot Bill Dunn's 1938 Graham automobile was Compatriot Charles Hayward, a 101-year-old veteran of World War I.

The construction of an earthen railroad causeway across the Great Salt Lake in Utah was the subject of a talk by Compatriot Robert Thompson at the October meeting of the **Republic Chapter**. Utilizing a video, he explained how the causeway replaced one built in the late 19th century by the Union Pacific Railway.

### Pennsylvania Society

In an impressive memorial service held at Bethlehem in May, the remains of three unknown Patriots were reinterred in a specially prepared crypt. Playing an important part in the program were the **Valley Forge Chapter** and the DAR Bethlehem and Nancy Hart Chapters. Those honored died during the Winter of 1776-1777 and/or 1777-1778 in a Continental Army military hospital established at the Single Brethren's House in Moravian Bethlehem. Those who died here were buried in unmarked graves in an unmarked cemetery overlooking the House. The remains that were reinterred had been unearthed during excavations for a building project. Members of the SAR and DAR Chapters served on a committee appointed by the Mayor to guide the reinterment program.

The **Philadelphia-Continental Chapter** recently contributed \$1,000 to the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund, a newly formed organization whose aim is to purchase a 45-acre tract where the famous "Paoli Massacre" took place – and combine this with the 22-acre Paoli Battlefield Memorial in Malvern. The site is presently owned by nearby Malvern Prep School and is being offered for \$2.5 million. Over 50 Patriots lost their lives there during the surprise British attack on General Anthony Wayne's soldiers on the night of September 20-21, 1777. They lie buried in the 22-acre section, but without appropriate recognition by the National Register of Historic Places. Presenting the contribution was President James Musslewhite, who is serving as a Fund Director along with Compatriots Winchell S. Carroll and Al Hogan. Compatriot Harvard Wood III is the Fund's Vice President.



Participating in the 27th annual DAR-SAR Constitution Celebration in the Delaware Valley were members of the **Philadelphia-Continental Chapter's** Color Guard. The luncheon was sponsored by the Chapter and 25 DAR Chapters. The guest speaker was State Senator Michael Fisher.

### Rhode Island Society



When the Society staged its Annual Veterans Day Banquet in November at Wakefield, these dignitaries were in hand (from left): Col. William O. Gall, USA (Ret), guest speaker; Robert H. Midwood, President; and Norris G. Abbott III, Recorder/Trustee.

### South Carolina Society



Twenty beautiful debutantes – each with a Patriot ancestor – were honored during the 13th Biennial Colonial Ball sponsored by the Society at Columbia in August. This event was launched in 1976 to commemorate our nation's Bicentennial. Among the distinguished guests present were Secretary General Carl K. Hoffmann, National Trustee William T. Allgood, President Dr. William H. Darnell, DAR State Regent Mrs. Joseph A. Esposito and C.A.R. State President Kristen A. Miles. The site was the Sheraton Hotel Columbia Conference Center.

### Texas Society

The November meeting of the **Denton Chapter** featured a presentation by Compatriot Bill Vaughn on the elections of Abraham Lincoln, William McKinley, William H. Taft, Theodore Roosevelt and

Franklin D. Roosevelt. Joining him was Compatriot Jim Johnson who provided an opportunity to hear some of them recorded on Edison cylinder records.



These 12 ROTC Cadets attending the University of Houston, Prairie View University and Rice University received Silver ROTC Medals from the **Paul Carrington Chapter** of Houston during the Chapter's Annual Bill of Rights Luncheon in December. Six of the outstanding ones were presented \$300 scholarships, while the runners-up were given \$200. The guest speaker for the event was the Assistant Dean of the South Texas Law School.

### Utah Society



Narine Sarkissian, a native of Armenia, was guest speaker at a recent Society gathering; she spoke about the tyranny in her homeland. Now a Professor of Linguistics at a Utah university, she was awarded the Good Citizenship Medal by President Frank Wilcox.

### Virginia Society



In recognition of his establishing the National Society's Web Page on the Internet, Compatriot Donald C. Evans was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal upon orders of then President General William C. Gist. Making the presentation on behalf of the NSSAR was Society Secretary Richard S. Austin.



The **Thomas Jefferson Chapter** recently awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Charlottesville Police Sgt. Brany A. Bibb (center), who currently is involved in targeting drug activity. Making the presentation were President E. Trice Taylor (right) and Harvey Hague, Chairman of the Law Enforcement Award Committee.

Origins of the United States Army was the topic chosen for an address before members and guests of the **George Washington Chapter** at a September gathering by Col. Stephen E. Wilson, Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Center of Military History. The meeting was held at the Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria.

The Martin Luther King Memorial Library in Washington, DC was selected as the site for the **Fairfax Resolves Chapter's** November meeting, with the guest speaker being Dr. George C. Dumas, President, The Black Revolutionary War Patriots Foundation. His subject was "Black Patriots of the Revolutionary War: Plans for Honoring Them with a Memorial on the National Mall, Washington, DC". The NSSAR endorsed this project some time back.

### West Virginia Society



The Fall Meeting of the **General Adam Stephen Chapter**, held at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, had as featured speaker Dr. David Dunlop (right), President of Shepherd College. He was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by President Charles F. Printz.

## HEADQUARTERS STAFF NOTES

**THANKS, SUSAN AND HARRY YOUNG** – We had lots of help with the Staff Christmas Party. In the true tradition of SAR, there were committees for everything: **Put Up Tree** – Mike Scroggins; **Trim Tree** – Lorin O'Hara, Debbie Smalley and Joyce Adams; **Table Set Up** – Kim Robinson and Kathy Seay; **Desserts** – Susan Acree and Ann Carrell; **Toys for Kids Shopping/Wrapping** – Kathy Lentz; and **Pizza and Softdrinks** – Susan and Harry Young of Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

**BACK ON THE JOB** – She's not known as the Staff Registrar, Mrs. Adams or even Joyce Adams. To the membership, she's Joyce. The Staff Registrar's Office was shutdown for several weeks while Joyce was on the mend from thyroid surgery. For some time now, the Staff Registrar has been "running dual," an expression that computer people use when you are in transition from one system to another. What it means in this case is that Joyce was entering the membership information on both the old IBM System 36 mainframe and the new PC network.

We have made the transition in Joyce's area, but not yet in the other departments that are dependent on her data. Another three or four months, we hope, will do it.

**HANDBOOK CHANGES** – Handbook Chairman Doug Harper notes the following changes to be made in any recently-purchased *NSSAR Handbook*:

1. Page 104, second paragraph. "The President General's Cup" line 7. Delete: pages 80, 81.
2. Page 111, first full paragraph on the page, first sentence is changed to read: "The contest is open to all high school juniors and seniors."

**WANTED** – One antique six to eight foot library type table to be located in the James L. Williams Long Gallery at the far end of the Historic Aubusson Carpet exhibit. (Museum Board Chairman William H. Roddis is searching for a generous donor.)

## Wisconsin Society



Phillip B. Carr (second from right), Chairman of the National Society's Law Enforcement Committee, was guest of honor and speaker at the Society's Annual Law Enforcement Banquet held in Madison during mid-November. Participating in a certificate presentation ceremony after his talk were (from left): Winston C. Williams, a member of the Awards Committee; Dr. Bruce Walters, Awards Committee Chairman and President Charles J. Larson.



These officials were offered the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal during the Society's November meeting (from left): Capt. Michael Keller, Port Washington Police Department (sponsored by the **James Morgan Chapter**); Officer John Laux, Green Bay Police Department (**Captain Hendrick Aupaumut Chapter**); Nicholas Chiarkas, Wisconsin State Public Defender (**General Tadeusz Kosciuszko Chapter**); and Rock County Sheriff Howard Erickson (**Nathaniel Ames Chapter**).

The **Nathaniel Ames** and **Eleazor Slauson Chapters** met jointly in Madison in October to hear an address by LTC Thomas Christianson, Commander of the Army ROTC at the University of Wisconsin and ARMY ROTC at UW-Whitewater. He spoke about the Battle of Cowpens, a decisive Revolutionary War engagement in North Carolina. Among the honored guests was Jerry P. Hill, Immediate Past President of the Society; he expressed personal thanks to Mrs. Sarah Hogoboom, a DAR, for assisting him in founding the **Slauson Chapter**.

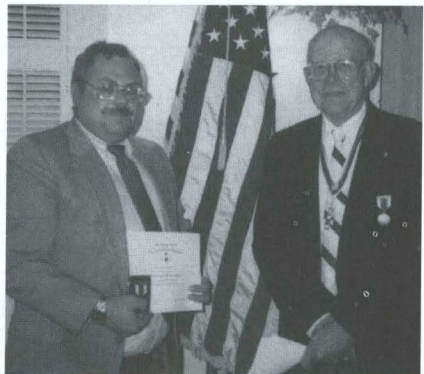


The imposing statue of General Tadeusz Kosciuszko located on the south side of Milwaukee was the site of a commemorative service dedicated to him by members and guests of the Chapter bearing his name. A luncheon that followed featured remarks about the Patriot delivered by Winston C. Williams, a Chapter member and Past Society President.



Presiding over a ceremony that featured marking the grave site of Patriot Nathan Hatch was **James Morgan Chapter** President Arthur Zimmerman. He is shown at the entrance to Oak Hill Cemetery in the Milwaukee suburb of Brookfield addressing Compatriots and guests about Hatch's experiences prior to the ceremony inside.

## Wyoming Society



The Society's Constitution Week Awards Banquet during September in Cheyenne saw awarding of the Meritorious Service Medal to President Harold Gardner (left). Doing the honors was Past President Darryl T. Manring. The affair was held at the Warren Air Force Base Officers Club.



NSSAR membership January 1, 1997: 26,287. Numbers below equal total new members since last issue of the magazine. Patriot ancestors identified by name and birthplace.

### ALABAMA SOCIETY (23)

Fred Michael Brunson, 147183; Josiah Brunson, SC Daniel Odell Bullard, 147365; John McDonald, VA Dewitte Talmadge Cross, Jr., 147364; Andrew Lewis, IR Christopher Clinton Darwin, 147335; James Darwin, VA William Wesley Darwin, 147334; James Darwin, VA Samuel Leftworth Davis, 147123; Samuel Davis, VA James David Ellison, 147204; Phillip Faulk, Sr., NC Matthew Parker Ellison, 147205; Phillip Faulk, Sr., NC Charlton Eugene Giles, 147181; Jesse Barlow, VA Jeffrey Charles Hual, 147120; Phillip Judd, CT Nolan Barry Mathews, 147184; David Brunson, Sr., SC Robert George McElroy, Jr., 147182; William McElroy, MD Henry Withers Poellnitz III, 147185; Alexander McAllister, ST Julian Porter Pruett, 147336; Thomas Stanford, VA Paul Herman Saeger, Jr., 147207; Elijah Moore, MD Leslie Eugene Shelton, 147206; Spencer Shelton, VA Charley Eber Sizemore, 147157; Ephriam Sizemore, VA James Will Suber, 147121; Ulrich Zuber, SC Jerome Lee Sullivan, Jr., 147203; David Gugel, GA James Willard Sutton, Jr., 147186; Daniel Alderman, NJ John Lance Tate, 147187; Roger Barton, VA Kella David Turner, 147122; Richard Bird, NC Edward Lee Willcox IV, 147366; William Fitzpatrick, VA

### ARIZONA SOCIETY (12)

Jeffrey Keith Barshay, 147370; Henry Hersh, Sr., PA John Richard Lewis Billington, 147371; Elkanah Corbin, MA David Wallace Blood, Jr., 147059; Lemuel Blood, MA Martin George Cretin, 147124; George Mayer, GR Bruce Warren Farmer, 147060; John Doty, Jr., NJ Henry Benjamin Matty, 147090; Joseph Corbin, CT Dean Allen Phelps, 147293; Elijah Phelps, CT Wendell Alonzo Phillips, 147368; Samuel Phillips, MA Colin Lee Smith, 147125; Isaac Smith, VA Robin McKenzie Smith, 147089; Isaac Smith, VA Terrance J. Wesbrock, 147372; Azariah Cooley, MA Frederick Donald Wilson, 147369; Asa Graves, MA

### ARKANSAS SOCIETY (6)

Dennis Erroll Boyer, 147252; Caleb Wallace, VA Virgil Poindexter Fiser, 147061; Thomas Poindexter, VA Gregory Allen Gerdes, 147367; Henry Smith, VA Mark Owen Gerdes, 147337; Henry Smith, VA Randal Keith Gerdes, 147088; Henry Smith, VA Glenn Albert Railsback III, 147338; Andrew Pickens, PA

### CALIFORNIA SOCIETY (22)

Aaron Lawrence Bayles, 147295; Cyprian Keyes, Jr., MA Kenneth Dale Bayles, 147127; Cyprian Keyes, Jr., MA William Walter Belcher, 147312; Stephen Trowbridge, CT Paul Richard Brent, 147339; George Brent, Sr., VA Benvenuto Robert Burdo, 147374; James Barnes, IR Christopher Cranmer Dutton, 147296; Elijah Foote, CT Renly Alexander Dutton, 147297; Elijah Foote, CT George Gilbert Ellis, Jr., 147313; Barnabas Ellis, MA George Wallace Hardman, 147298; Johnathan Douglass, VA Daniel John Hereford, 147375; John Hereford, Sr., VA Eburn Henry Hewitt, 147188; Stephen Fuller, CT Richard Gardner Hunter, 147158; Nathaniel Sprague, MA Brian Christian Keneipp, 147294; Owen Sweeney, MD Doyle Clay Kitchell, 147126; Obadiah Kitchell, NJ John Frederick Hopkins Loewe, 147311; Joseph Barbour, MA Christopher Massey Palmer, 147063; Casper Ham, NY Nigel Ernest Parkhurst, 147092; William E. Brockett, CT

Curtis James Reese, 147159; Job Colman, MA Thomas Leonard Sanders, 147062; Consider Law, CT Richard Anthony Schmidt, 147314; Thomas Cowdin, IR Robert Nelson Williams, 147373; Joseph Delaney, Jr., VA Jay Clark Wood, 147091; Samuel Hayes, CT

### COLORADO SOCIETY (8)

Gilbert Eugene Blinn, 147377; William "Billy" Blin, Sr. Leonard Harold Blinn, 147378; William "Billy" Blin, Sr. Justin Lee Clark, 147160; Moses Clark, MD Robert Marston Coffman, 147038; John Marston, NH Patrick Thomas Dolan, 147037; John Porter, VA Keith Homer Hale, 147376; Simeon Hale, MA Anthony Morris Johnson, 147036; William Fookes, Jr., MD Joseph Irvin Lambeth, 147064; Aaron Lambeth, NC

### CONNECTICUT SOCIETY (4)

Joseph Hanson Bement, 147340; Jesse Bement, MA Robert Morey Gibbs, Jr., 147315; Isaac Gibbs, MA John Richard Trolan, 147228; William Latham, CT James Allen Walters, 147065; James Hubbs

### DELAWARE SOCIETY (7)

Lyman Richard Brenner, 147162; Abraham Van Sciver, NJ Dale Edward Collins, 147332; Benjamin Chamberlain, CT Lyman Abbott Darling III, 147232; Reuben Williams, CT Roger Milton Keister 147093; John Sowers, NC James Edward Pileggi, 147231; John Daniels, PA Thomas Marsh Summers, 147094; Rhoads Shankland, DE Brian Matthew Wood, 147341; William Dove, MD



**TWINS NOW SARS** – Both seniors in the Rainsville High School in Rainsville, Alabama, Christopher C. and William Wesley Darwin were presented their Membership Certificates at a recent meeting of the Alabama Society's Little River Chapter; they had just turned 18. Doing the honors were Grandfather Frank H. Darwin, Jr., (right), Society Treasurer, and Lee Swart, Society President. The lads attended several Chapter gatherings prior to this.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOCIETY (4)

James Kevin Raywalt, 147161; Elias Daley, NJ John Darren Sadler, 147230; Seth Warfield, Sr., MD Scott Darrell Sadler, 147229; Seth Warfield, Sr., MD James Stephen Tidwell, 147039; Moses Trimble, VA

### FLORIDA SOCIETY (26)

Lloyd Harold Banning, 147208; Tobias Tillman, NC Howard Royston Beatty, 147210; Joseph Anderson, VA Paul Levon Booher, 147253; Jacob Foust, Sr., PA Howard Horton Brenner, 147190; Adonijah Horton, MA Joel Gregory Cullum, 147163; Brackett Owen, VA Benjamin Mayes DuBose, 147346; Joseph DuBose, SC Wilfred George Ergle, Jr., 147233; Burris Higgenbotham, VA Curtis Lowell Eskew, 147255; Samuel Youngblood, SC Douglas Clayton Fraker, 147316; Zebulon Smith, TN Marvin Wilbur Gerhard, 147189; Eliphalet Colcord, NH Steven Wayne Godby, 147067; Johann Michel Finckrock Harlund Vincent Gregory, 147347; Johan George Goss, GR Timothy Eugene Higgenbotham, 147348; Nehemiah Day, NJ Kyle Andrews Kay, 147212; Robert Downing, VA Paul Kenneth McAfee, 147342; James McAfee, IR Joseph Wade Michael, 147234; Philip Jacob Michael, GR John Karl Siegfried Miller, 147254; David Phillips, WL Donald Braisted Ostrander, 147068; David Ostrander, NY Louis Wardrop Parrat, 147211; John Wooley, PA Eric Andre Pearson, 147066; Samuel Churchill, CT Clarence Edward Porch, 147209; William Ellis, Sr., NC Robert Allen Raup, 147343; Samuel Hovey, MA Christopher James Reader, 147345; Benjamin Rexford, Sr., CT Steven Ashley Roth, 147213; Philip Morse, MA Jeffrey Lee Sizemore, 147344; John Lawson Irwin, VA William Harold Williams, 147069; Moses Johnson, VA

### GEORGIA SOCIETY (17)

Earl Perry Crandell, 147095; Caleb Crandall, RI William Bryant Dobbs II, 147128; Fortune Dobbs, IR Hewlette Rhodell Dunn, Jr., 147277; William Dunn, EN Vincent Malone Greene, 147191; William Davis, VA Corey Patrick Harper, 147272; Inslee Anderson, DE Lowry Allen Harper, 147270; Inslee Anderson, DE Tommy Michael Little, 147276; Alexander Peden, IR William Roy Luttrell, Jr., 147299; John Blair Gilmer, VA Harold Lawrence McPheeters, 147275; John McPheeters, VA James Cleveland Miller, 147379; Christopher Clark, Jr., VA James Cofield Newton, 147274; Joshua Belitha Tillman, MD Julian Isaac Newton III, 147273; Joshua Belitha Tillman, MD Ronald Claybourne Ouzts, 147156; Peter Ouzts I, GR William Hughes Raper, 147382; James Standridge, MD Henderson Holman Wright, 147381; Alexander Marshall, VA George Dewey Wright, Jr., 147380; Thomas Wright, VA

