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The Battle



of Ramsour's Mill

The President General's Message

Dear Compatriots:

It has been my privilege to have served you as President General and Ursula's privilege to have served you as First Lady. It has been a tremendously uplifting and a rare experience for us to travel throughout the United States and work with men and women deeply in love with their country, dedicated to true patriotism and to preserving our heritage. It has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience and one that we shall never forget.

A goal of the SAR for many years has been to raise its profile regionally, nationally, and internationally, and my administration has endeavored to further that goal with such events as inducting famed American historian Stephen E. Ambrose into the SAR; the September 11th commemorative ceremonies in Louisville, KY, New York City, Arlington, VA, and Somerset County, PA; the presentation of a specially designed September 11th commemorative flag in each of those venues and to the President of the United States; presentation of the Heroism Medals, posthumously to many of the passengers on United Flight 93; ceremonies to mark the Battle of Point Pleasant and others; a trip to France to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of 1778 between France and the United States, and the trip to Normandy-American cemetery, Utah Beach, Point du Hoc, and St. Mere Eglise to honor the men and women of D-Day.

It was especially enjoyable to induct Stephen E. Ambrose into our Society, and an incredible thrill to swear him to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the SAR, and hand him his membership certificate.

Our country has changed greatly in the last twenty years and serious threats have arisen to challenge our history and heritage. Our Revolutionary War heroes have begun to disappear from textbooks and our public buildings. Historian Stephen Ambrose, writes in the Wall Street Journal about our disappearing heroes:

"The first thing our young people want to know about our nation's history is, Who were our heroes and what did they do? Yet teaching about heroes today is scorned in many academic circles as triumphalism, and is not done. Our children have an unparalleled legacy of freedom and opportunity, paid for with blood, sweat, and tears by men and women whose names they barely know..."

Today, in many of our classrooms, it is unlawful to display the Declaration of

Independence, the Ten Commandments, the Mayflower Compact, and our national motto because they contain a reference to God. The ability of school children to recite the Pledge of Allegiance hangs in the balance for the same reason.

These are a few of the great challenges that now face us.

I respectfully offer a few suggestions:

When attacks on our history or heritage occur, PUSH BACK, AND PUSH BACK HARD! Never forget the power of the individual; this is the one thing that America has taught the world.

Shine the light of day on mindless acts of political correctness, sunlight is the best disinfectant. A few ways: letters, news letters, telephone calls, and emails to peer organizations, the print media, talk shows, friends, and all those who labor in the same vineyard.

Do not wait for a more convenient time or until you have more resources, heed the advice of President Theodore Roosevelt: *"Do what you can, with what you have got, right where you are."*

Distribute to educators in public, private, and home schools the CDs available from our national office which contain classroom ready American heritage teaching and testing materials. Over 2,000 of these have been distributed to educators throughout the United States. This is a project you can undertake now.

Expand our youth programs: oration, essay, poster, ROTC, JROTC, and Boy Scout.

Join the Color Guard. It conveys our message of true patriotism to thousands of people we will never be able to talk to.

Send more outstanding teachers to Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation.

Tell and retell to your family and friends the stories of our Revolutionary War heroes and heroines; these stories are part of the cultural glue that binds us together as the American people. This effort is too important to be left to our public school system. This is one of the many stories and it is relevant to all time.

The American Revolution is alive and well today enlightening the dark corners of the world. These words of Thomas Jefferson written over 227 years ago are the most powerful words in the English language today:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

These words have been embraced by the whole world. Historian Samuel Eliot Morrison tells us:

"These words are more radical than anything ever written by Robespierre, Marx, or Lenin. They are more powerful than an atom; and they bring hope to the oppressed peoples of the world."

These words resound today in the hearts and minds of men and women living in tyranny in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, wherever people yearn to be free. These words underlie all wars against tyranny; they echoed in the hearts and minds of those brave Chinese students who stood up for democracy in Tiananmen Square, and carried with them a copy of the Declaration of Independence.

The Center for Advancing America's Heritage should become our flagship, an American heritage highway, that uses the internet, our web site, and teleconferencing to tell a worldwide audience what is good and right about America. It should produce programs for newly minted Americans so that they may learn of our common civic culture. Strategic relationships should be formed with colleges, universities, museums, libraries, and non-profit corporations to further these ends.

On December 31, 2002, our membership stood at an all-time high. We have employed an outstanding new Executive Director, Jim Randall, and a highly competent and self-starting Director of Development, Cindy Harbin, and are positioned to confront the challenges of the new century.

I have acquired a greater respect for the works of my predecessors in office. My request to my successors is to continue to raise the profile of the SAR until it becomes the brightest star in the sky. My wish to my immediate successor is: *"Godspeed, fair weather, and following seas."*

The First Lady joins me in this wish to all: *"God bless the Sons of the American Revolution and these United States."*

Sincerely yours,

B. Rice Aston

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President General



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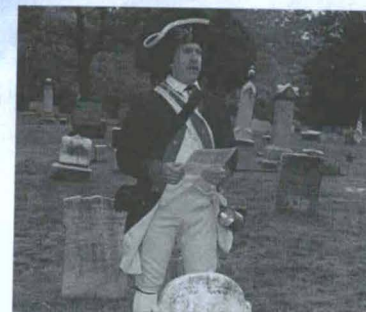
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The Color Guard that participated in the Alliance celebration arrived in France before the contingent led by President General B. Rice Aston. Here they are shown in the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach in Normandy before traveling to Paris for the activities discussed in the accompanying news story. Ceremonies there included a memorable and emotional wreath laying (left) and the privilege of retiring American Flags to the sound of "Taps" (right).



SARs Commemorate French Alliance

Paris in February may not have the same romantic ring as *April in Paris*. However, the events of February 4th-8th for President General B. Rice Aston and his lovely lady Ursula were perhaps the most memorable of his current term. It was not your typical annual PG tour, for Paris was the scene of the 225th anniversary celebration of the French Alliance in 1778 with the then new United States.

Although France was not at war with Great Britain that year, it remained hostile towards the British for having lost Canada earlier in the French and Indian War. The Continental Congress in 1776 sent Benjamin Franklin, Silas Deane and Arthur Lee to France to seek financing and an alliance against Great Britain. Earlier military losses by the Americans in the War of Independence hindered their efforts until news of the British defeat at Saratoga in December 1777 arrived during their visit in Paris. With their bargaining position enhanced, these important American diplo-

rats succeeded in getting money and an alliance agreement. The French offered both military and commercial assistance, completing the Treaties of Friendship, Commerce and Alliance that were signed on February 6, 1778 by Louis XVI, King of France. His nation agreed to fight on America's side until victory was achieved, thus providing the new Republic with its first realistic hope of true independence since the War commenced several years earlier.

The Celebration Begins

The 2003 celebration of this French Alliance that began on Tuesday evening, February 4th with an elegant reception at the palatial residence of His Excellency **Howard H. Leach**, United States Ambassador to France, and his wife **Gretchen**, set the tone of what was to follow in the days ahead. President General Aston presented Ambassador Leach with the SAR



Lafayette's grave site in Picpus Cemetery in Paris was a "must" stop for the SAR contingent, with the Color Guard dressed in their Revolutionary War uniforms. President General B. Rice Aston (right foreground) participated in the laying of a wreath. Lafayette's wife Adrienne is also interred there.



During the wreath laying ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe, President General B. Rice Aston was asked to relight one of the two eternal flames located there.

International Medal in a beautiful frame. The President General's Color Guard, led by Event Color Guard Commander **Donald N. Moran**, proved a magnificent addition to the brief ceremonies of this first event. The California Guardsmen included Compatriots **Robert Ebert**, **Garrett Jackson** (former NSSAR Color Guard Commander), **Karl Jacobs**, **Charles (Chuck) Lampman**, **Larry Magerkurth**, **Floyd (Jim)**

The enlightening special report was prepared by California Compatriot Marston Watson, who was one of that State Society's Color Guard trekking to France to commemorate the treaties signed in 1778 - as described here. An accomplished professional writer, he authored the major feature article that appeared in the Winter 2003 Issue entitled "Just Who Held The Lanterns on April 18, 1775", which described what took place that night at the Old North Church in Boston.

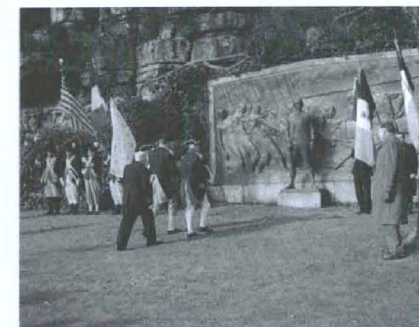
Shadwick, **Martson Watson** and **John Webber**. Compatriots **Lester Foster** (Maryland), **Doug Stansberry** (Georgia), **Nathan White** (Texas) and **Raymond Zimmerman** (Maryland) rounded out the Color Guard detachment.

A number of dignitaries attended this social event in addition to President General Aston, including **Helie de Noailles, duc d'Ayen**, President of the France Society, and our most gracious host **Jacques, comte de Trentinian**, Executive Vice President of the France Society. Also present was **Ghislaine, comtesse de Pusy Lafayette**, Regent of the France Society of DAR.

Arc de Triomphe and Place de la Concorde

Nothing of this elegant affair, however, could have prepared the more than sixty American members of the President's General's entourage of the incredible experience at the Arc de Triomphe. The NSSAR Color Guard, along with American and French participants, marched to the stirring music of the French military band across the *Avenue des Champs Elysees* at the Place Charles de Gaulle to the Arc de Triomphe. This could not have happened but for the near impossible efforts of the Paris gendarmes who stopped hundreds of impatient and annoyed rush-hour commuters at 6:15 p.m., until the entire group had completed its march! Rarely, if ever, had any of our French hosts seen this happen, which is primarily reserved for presidents, prime ministers and royalty. However, we had our own "royalty" in President General Aston, who is a direct descendant of the French monarch St. Louis IX, King of France.

The Color Guardsmen marched smartly to their appointed station, presented the Colors at the singing of the French and American national anthems and stood at attention during the wreath laying ceremony and relighting of one of the two eternal flames by President General Aston. Once again the Color Guard stood at attention during the passing-in-review inspection by the



These handsome memorials to French Admiral de Grasse (left) and General Rochambeau (right) were the locales for ceremonies in their honor. Both were instrumental in gaining our nation's independence during the Revolutionary War.



President General and French dignitaries, including Le chef d'escadron **Jedraziak**, de l'Etat-major militaire du président du Sénat; Le général de corps d'armée **Combette**, président du Comité de la Flamme; and Monsieur le sénateur **Jacques Habert**. All of the dignitaries were invited after this review, along with the Guard members, to sign the



The Place de la Concorde was the site of a ceremony recalling the signing of the Treaty of Alliance in 1778. President General B. Rice Aston (at right of the microphone) was presented a special certificate by Captain Childreth, a member of the United States Embassy staff.

book of remembrance, which is reserved only for designated ceremony participants.

At the conclusion of this event, all who attended returned to the opposite side of the

Place Charles de Gaulle by way of the underground passageway. There was no chance of stopping Parisian traffic a second time!

The Place de la Concorde was the scene on Thursday morning, February 6th of the recognition of the French Alliance on that date in 1778. Attended once more by the Color Guard, President General Aston received an award from Le contre-amiral **Guillaud**, représentant le Président de la République, who represented **Jacques René Chirac**, le Président de la République who could not attend because of pressing affairs of state. A number of dignitaries attended, including **Jean-Melchior**, marquis de Roquefeuil, Président de la Société des Cincinnati de France, and military attaches from the American Embassy.

Gala Receptions and Banquets

The magnificent décor of the Paris City Hall provided an elegant setting for the evening reception and banquet on Friday night. Madame **Odette Chrestienne**, Adjointe au maire de Paris (Deputy Mayor), presented greetings to President General Aston from the Mayor of Paris, who was unable to attend. The American and French SAR members and their guests were treated to a wonderful tour of the City Hall, followed by a delicious meal and interesting conversation with a number of French



A highlight of the trip was a visit to the residence of the Hon. Howard Leach, United States Ambassador to France, for an elegant reception. Just some of those attending are shown here. LEFT PHOTO, from left: Color Guardsman Donald N. Moran, Ambassador Leach, President General B. Rice Aston and Mrs. Aston. RIGHT PHOTO, from left: Ambassador Leach, France Society Secretary Bernard Oddo, France Society National Trustee Martin Boyer and PG Aston.



counts and countesses.

The Saturday evening affair began with a special tour at the Chateau de Versailles, including visits to rooms that generally are not open to the public. The gala reception and banquet took place at the Trianon Palace, located on the grounds of the Chateau de Versailles. (It was here in the banquet room where the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919.) Dignitaries at this impressive banquet included President General Aston, Général d'armée **Gilbert Foray**, ancien Grand-chancelier de la Légion d'honneur, and Madame **Gisele Foray**, Conseiller d'Etat.

President General Aston presented the SAR Distinguished Service Medal to **Jacques, comte de Trentinian**, in appreciation for his year-long planning of the French Alliance events. He awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Compatriot **Francis J. Sherman** (Ohio) for his splendid coordination with the France Society in the event preparations. The President General's final presentation of the SAR Distinguished Service Certificate was made to **Helie de Noailles, duc d'Ayen**, President of the France Society.

More Ceremonies and Tours

The official and social events of this 225th anniversary celebration were interspersed with wreath presentations at the monuments of Benjamin Franklin, Général comte de Rochambeau and General George Washington, and at the tomb of Général le marquis de La Fayette as well. Our Paris guides also led a tour to the Galleries de Lafayette, where a delicious buffet lunch and fashion show of beautiful and provocative young models awaited us. Most of the ladies adjourned to an enjoyable afternoon of shopping while Compatriots and guests listened to a lively presentation and discussion from a distinguished panel of educators from the



The Hon. Howard Leach, United States Ambassador to France, was presented the SAR International Medal during a reception at his home.



Visits were made to the statues of Benjamin Franklin (left) and Lafayette (right) for individual salutes to these famous Patriots.

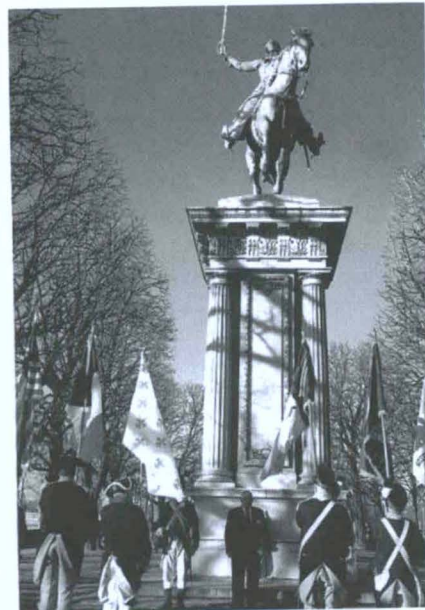
American University in Paris. President General Aston then called a meeting of the National Society Congress in Paris.

Normandy Remembered

On the Monday (Feb. 3rd) before the Paris events, fourteen California Compatriots and family members honored World War II heroes with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Omaha Beach Cemetery in Normandy. Color Guardsmen Robert Ebert and Marston Watson assisted California State President Garrett Jackson in laying a wreath at the statue of the rising youth in the rotunda of the Omaha Beach Cemetery, while Compatriot **Vernon Harp** held the American Flag. Nearly a hundred visiting school children and their teachers were treated to a serendipitous experience in witnessing this ceremony, especially with Americans in their Revolutionary War uniforms.

Two flagpoles at the bottom of the rotunda steps displayed the American Colors at half-mast, in honor of the seven astronauts who lost their lives two days before. Earlier arrangements with the cemetery director provided a once-in-a-lifetime invitation to the California Guardsmen to retrieve the Colors at 4:30 p.m. Color Guard Commander Don Moran, with Guardsmen Jim Shadwick and Marston Watson raised, lowered and folded the flag at one pole, as did Guardsmen Bob Ebert, Garrett Jackson and Chuck Lampman at the other pole. The same crowd that had watched the ceremony earlier was treated to an impressive and solemn occasion.

While this memorial event was moving for all who witnessed it, Compatriot Don Moran found it particularly emotional while remembering the heroes who landed at Omaha Beach including his own father — who was a California SAR for 20 years. President General Aston could not attend



this event, but he and Ursula with Compatriots **Lee Swart** and **Rod Hildreth** participated in the NSSAR wreath laying ceremony on Sunday, February 9th, accompanied by Compatriot **Martin Boyer** of the France Society. Present also was the Mayor of St. Mer Eglise, remembered as the site where paratrooper Sgt. John Steele hung from the church steeple on the night of June 5, 1944.

It is impossible to capture all of the feelings and expressions of pride and joy that each and every participant experienced in this memorable celebration of the French Alliance. With a little imagination, it would not be difficult to picture how Paris must have looked in 1778 when American diplomats Franklin, Deane and Lee sought aid from the French government. With the signing of the agreement with France on February 6, 1778, the fledgling United States suddenly became a major force in 18th-century world politics. It is a super power in today's global affairs.



Jacques, comte de Trentinian, Executive Vice President of the France Society, addressed SARs and guests during a reception at Christoffes.

Meet Three New Staff Members At Headquarters

Three new employees have been added to the staff at National Headquarters:

- **James N. Randall** as Executive Director.
- **Cynthia A. Harbin** as Director of Development
- **Barbara Hardin** as Receptionist

Upon the announcement at the Fall 2002 National Trustees Meeting that then Executive Director Wayne R. Wiedman would be retiring early in 2003, a special Search Committee was formed to seek his replacement. Immediate Past President General Larry D. McClanahan was named Committee Chairman. After a large number of resumes had been received and interviews completed, Jim Randall was selected for the Executive Director position.



Jim Randall, the National Society's new Executive Director, is a seasoned professional executive with a solid record in management positions.

Until he came aboard on March 1st, Jim had been President and General Manager of J. Randall & Company, an Oklahoma City, Oklahoma firm which he formed in 1998 to offer management consulting to non-profit organizations and governmental agencies. His extensive business experience also includes being Executive Officer/Executive Director of the Oklahoma Association of Plumbing, Heating, Cooling and Mechanical Contractors headquartered in Oklahoma City — as well as General Manager of Garlick, Inc., an Oklahoma City-based concern in real estate development.

Jim is especially proud of his activities in the community, including serving as an elected member of two different school boards and as a volunteer in such organizations as Habitat for Humanity, Junior Achievement, Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce. He is married to the former Janelle L. Meredith, a public school educator; they have three sons and a daughter.

Since joining our staff a few months ago, Cindy Harbin has been deeply involved in raising funds for construction of the pro-

posed Center for Advancing America's Heritage. An update on this dynamic program — and background information about Cindy — are presented on pages 20 and 21 of this issue of the magazine.

More often than not, when you make a phone call to National Headquarters, you will be cheerfully greeted by Barbara Hardin. Her duties also encompass computer entry of data entered on Membership Applications that are received just about every day. She was previously employed in the payroll department at Louisville Gas & Electric; while there she updated their computer system for billing. She also worked extensively on computers while Office Supervisor with the Insurance Department at Baptist Memorial Hospital East, Louisville.



Receptionist Barbara Hardin brings a bubbling personality to her work.



THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 2, 2003

Mr. B. Rice Aston
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Dear Mr. Aston:

Thank you for the flag commemorating the countless heroes of September 11, 2001. I appreciate your kind gesture and thoughtfulness.

As Americans, we will never forget those lost on September 11, 2001. They will forever hold a cherished place in our hearts and in the history of our Nation. In the time since then, we have seen the true character of our country in the resolve and compassion of the American people.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11TH — Compatriots will recall the National Society program launched last year to mark the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. An important phase of this program was to have a special commemorative flag produced for President General B. Rice Aston to present at ceremonies held in Louisville, New York City, Arlington and Shanksville. The letter reproduced above concerns the flag that was given to Compatriot President George W. Bush. Small reproductions of the flag are available from the Merchandise Department in Louisville; orders may be placed by using the forms on pages 51 and 52 of this issue of the magazine.

Annual Congress Set To Open In Chicago This July

The Illinois Society has completed all plans for the 113th Annual Congress - to be staged in Chicago from Friday, July 4th through Wednesday the 9th - and stands ready to welcome Compatriots and guests alike.

If you have not already done so, the time is now to make Registrations at the special advance payment fee of \$270 if received at National Headquarters by June 1. After that, the fee rises to \$300. Just fill out and mail the handy form on the opposite page along with a check. Note that a variety of events are included, beginning with the traditional Saturday evening reception. Be sure to check those optional programs that are also being offered.

Hyatt To Be Headquarters

Serving as Congress Headquarters will be the elegant Hyatt Regency Hotel located along the River Walk in Chicago. It should be pointed out that the hotel has two separate towers connected by an overpass and underground passages, each with 36 floors and over 1,000 rooms. The Regency Club Level includes floors 32-35 for an additional \$35 per night. The regular room rate is \$142.48 per night, with taxes included. Just turn the next page to find a convenient form for making reservations. Parking for SARs will be \$17.50 per day, a 50% discount.

The Hyatt is just east of the Michigan Avenue bridge over the Chicago River - the beginning of the famous Magnificent Mile, a shopping and restaurant district. The sightseeing boat dock is just across the street and the noted Wrigley Building,

WGN Radio Building and the NBC tower face the hotel from across the river.

The hotel does not have a limo or airport shuttle service. Taxi fare from Midway Airport (20 to 30 minutes) is about \$27 depending upon the time of day; a shuttle is available for about \$12.50 per person or \$23 roundtrip. Taxi fare from O'Hare International Airport (45 to 60 minutes) is about \$38, again depending upon the time of day; shuttle service is about \$17.50 per person or \$31 roundtrip.

Some Helpful Information

Registration and Credentials will be under the direction of Illinois Compatriot Joseph Costello, beginning at noon Friday and ending noon Tuesday. This function will be located in the Regency Ballroom Foyer.

The National Headquarters Office under the supervision of Executive Director James N. Randall, will be open every day in the Atlanta Room located on the West Tower Gold Level beginning at 8 am on Friday. SAR merchandise may be purchased starting at the same time in the New Orleans Room on the West Tower Gold Level; in charge will be Merchandise Manager Aaron Adams. The Picasso Room on the West Tower Bronze Level will be the site for the Genealogy Office.

The Ladies Hospitality Room will be scheduled for the Gold Coast Room on the West Tower Bronze Level starting at 1 pm on Friday. Throughout the Congress, it will be open at varying times as a pleasant place where ladies may gather to become acquainted and participate in programs.



Navy Pier is located a short distance from the Hyatt Regency on the shores of Lake Michigan. Offered is a blend of family-oriented attractions from the quiet serene setting of the Crystal Gardens to the magnificent beauty of the Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows. The Pier also boasts the 150-foot-high Ferris wheel, a musical carousel, the Chicago Children's Museum, a variety of restaurants and the Chicago Shakespeare Theater.

Congress Schedule

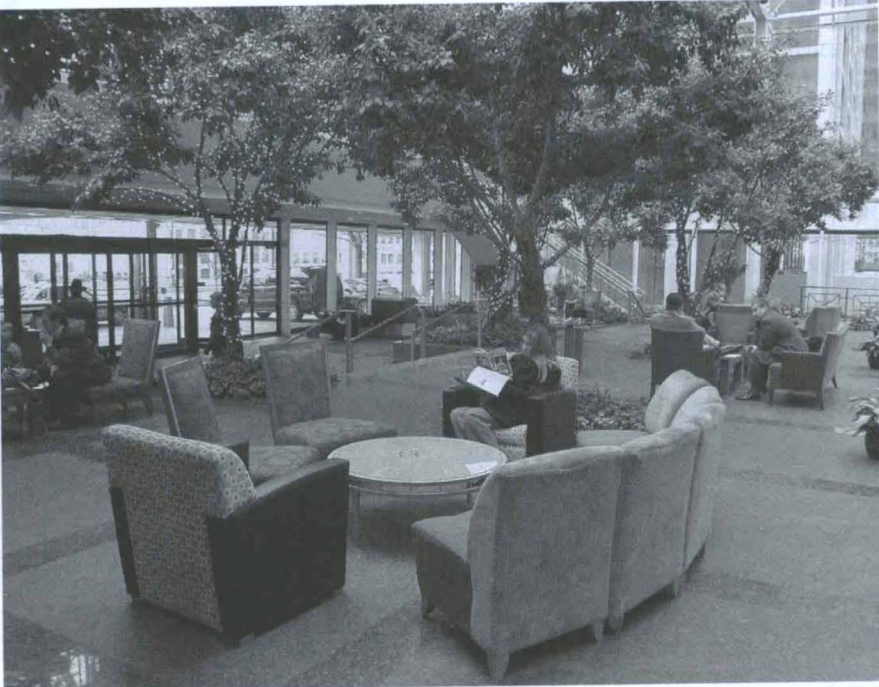
Virtually all Congress events will be at the Hyatt. Subject to last minute modifications, here is an abbreviated schedule pointing out major activities:

FRIDAY, JULY 4
12 pm to 5 pm - Registration and Credentials
5:30 pm to 10:30 pm - Optional Tour to Tommy Guns Dinner Theater

SATURDAY, JULY 5
8 am to 5 pm - Registration and Credentials
11 am to 4 pm - Optional Architectural Cruise and Lunch
6 pm to 8 pm - Illinois Host Society Reception

SUNDAY, JULY 6
8 am to 1 pm - Registration and Credentials
9:30 am to 11am - Meeting of the 2002-2003 National Trustees
9:30 am to 12:30 - Rumbaugh Oration Contest Eliminations; Delegates and guests invited to listen
2 pm to 3 pm - Memorial Service at St. James Cathedral
4 pm to 5pm - Select Committee Meetings
8 pm to 10 pm - Oration Contest Finals

MONDAY, JULY 7
7 am to 8:45 am - Council of State Presidents Breakfast
8 am to Noon; 2:30 pm to 5 pm - Registration and Credentials
8 am to 9 am - Band Concert in Crystal Ballroom AB
9 am to 11:30 am - Congress Opening Session in Crystal Ballroom AB



A glass-enclosed skyway connects the Hyatt Regency's two towers, leading to this three-story, half-acre atrium lobby. The lobby encircles a 4,000-square-foot lagoon and boasts two restaurants. Guest registration is on the second level.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE 113TH ANNUAL CONGRESS

The Illinois Society is all geared up to host the 113th Annual Congress set for Chicago from July 5 through July 9. You can nail down advance registrations now for \$270 each for Compatriots and their guests by filling in the form shown below and mailing it to: NSSAR, 1000 S Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203.

It should be noted that registrations received after June 1 will be increased to \$300. Act now and save! It is important that we receive reservations for the optional tours as soon as possible in order to plan for bus transportation and meal reservations.

The registration fee encompasses entry to a variety of events: (1) Saturday Evening Reception; (2) Monday Youth Recognition Luncheon; (3) Tuesday and (4) Wednesday Banquets and (5) Sunday Memorial Service.

Note that many of the optional events including reservations for (6) The George Washington Fellows Breakfast; (7) The Ladies Luncheon honoring First Lady Ursula Aston on the 95th floor of the John Hancock Building may also be taken care of with this same form.

Other optional events available during the Congress include:

(8) Friday, July 4 - 5:30 to 10:30 p.m.
Tommy Guns Garage Dinner Theater

Attendees will leave the hotel via bus to the dinner theater where you will be dined and entertained with this reenactment of Chicago's Gangland History culminating in the Valentine's Day Massacre. Make Menu choice below: Prime Rib, Orange Roughy, or Chicken Breast.

(9) Saturday, July 5 - 11:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Architectural Tour, Lunch and Cruise of the Chicago River

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(10) Wednesday, July 9 - 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
The Great Chicago Fire Tour and Luncheon

This bus tour will provide you with an entertaining and fact filled trip around the area of the city destroyed in the great Chicago Fire of 1871. The tour will end at the Chicago Historical Society Museum where you will have a buffet luncheon and be able to view artifacts from the fire.

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2 pm to 4 pm – Congress Session
3 pm to 5 pm – First Ladies Tea in Crystal Ballroom C, with all ladies invited
8 pm to 10 pm – Recognition Night in Crystal Ballroom AB, with awards to State Societies, Chapters and individual Compatriots

TUESDAY, JULY 8

8 am to Noon – Final Registration and Credentials
9 am to 11:30 am – Congress Session
10:30 am – Buses leave for Optional Ladies Luncheon at John Hancock Center; attendees are encouraged to bring their handicrafts for display
1:30 pm – Charitable Giving Seminar by the Alford Group of Evanston, IL
1:30 pm to 5:15 pm – Select Committee Meetings and Workshops
3 pm to 5 pm – Balloting for General Officers
6 pm to 7 pm – Reception (cash bar) in Crystal Ballroom Foyer
7 pm to 10 pm – Banquet in Crystal Ballroom AB; Presentation of Law Enforcement and Fire Safety Commendation Medals; Presentation of President General's Awards

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

7 am to 8:45 am – George Washington Fellows Breakfast
9 am to 11:30 am – Final Congress Session
11:30 am to Noon – Meeting 2003-2004 National Trustees
Noon to 4 pm – Optional Great Chicago Fire Tour and Luncheon
6 pm to 7 pm – Reception (cash bar)
7 pm to 10 pm – President General's Banquet; Installation of General Officers

and Vice-Presidents General; Installation of new President General and the George Washington Ring Ceremony; Remarks by the new PG

The preferred dress for certain Congress activities is as follows:

Recognition Night – Minuteman Award candidates and participants only: white dinner jacket.

Tuesday Banquet: Black or white dinner jacket; Continental uniform.

Wednesday Banquet: White ties and tails preferred; black or white dinner jacket; Continental uniform.

Jefferson Saved By Patriot's Ride

During a recent meeting of the George Washington Chapter, Virginia Society President E. Trice Taylor discussed a little-known episode of the Revolutionary War that changed the course of history: the ride that Jack Jouett took on the evening of June 3, 1781 which rivals that of Paul Revere in 1775. He was a Captain in the Virginia Militia.

Jouett had been sojourning in the Cuckoo Tavern – some 40 miles from Charlottesville – when he observed that Col. Tarleton was enroute to raid the city and capture state officials. He set off at 10:30 pm for a six-hour journey through thick forest and mountains to Monticello. Arriving about 4:30 am, he awoke Jefferson and then set off for Charlottesville a couple of miles away to notify other officials.

Tarleton's captures included the outgoing Lt. Governor, a Continental congressman, a state senator (who subsequently escaped), and four delegates including Daniel Boone and a few others. Those escaping included outgoing Governor Jefferson, the succeeding Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives Benjamin Harrison and Patrick Henry.

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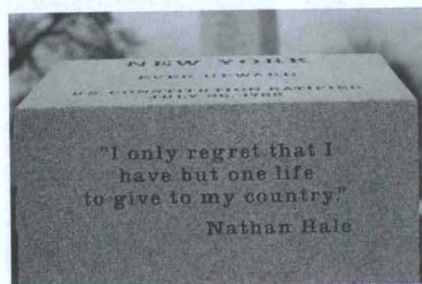
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Iowa Society Gives Patriots Monument To State

The grounds of the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines now boast an impressive monument dedicated to the Patriots of the Revolutionary War interred in the state — thanks to an intensive effort mounted by the Iowa Society.

During a dedication program staged last year on Veteran's Day in November, it was revealed that the monument was the culmination of an objective declared when the Iowa Society was formed in 1893 in the Capitol. Located south of the Capitol itself, the 1893 dream is comprised of a central granite obelisk surrounded by 13 granite pillars representing the 13 original states. These are in turn surrounded by a circular sidewalk and maple trees from George Washington's Mount Vernon estate.

Thirty-nine Patriots are buried in 21 Iowa counties. Their names, state of service and



On the face of each of the 13 granite stones representing the 13 original colonies is a patriotic statement. This one quotes Nathan Hale: "I only regret that I have but one life to give to my country."



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Iowa Society President Michael K. Mulford played a prominent role in the program that saw dedication of the monument. Directly behind him was the central obelisk showing the side that describes the intent of the monument and offers information relative to the fact that it is a gift from the Society — with special recognition given to Compatriot and Mrs. Warren Dixon and Compatriot and Mrs. Robert E. Millett.

the county burial location are displayed on the main obelisk, with 13 names on each of the north, west and east sides. The veterans came from ten of the 13 colonies, with one-third of them in their 90s when they died. Some were captured by the British or wounded and disabled during the War. Their service ranged from fighting in battles from Boston to Yorktown to suffering with Washington at Valley Forge.

Solemn Dedication Program

Promptly at 11 am on November 11th, Iowa Society President Michael K. Mulford opened the dedication ceremony. The Color Guard from the Army National Guard, accompanied by 1st Vice President Lee R. Ayers, then presented the Colors. The Invocation was provided by Society Chaplain Dean C. Timm, followed by recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Past



Maple trees from George Washington's Mt. Vernon estate surround the monument.

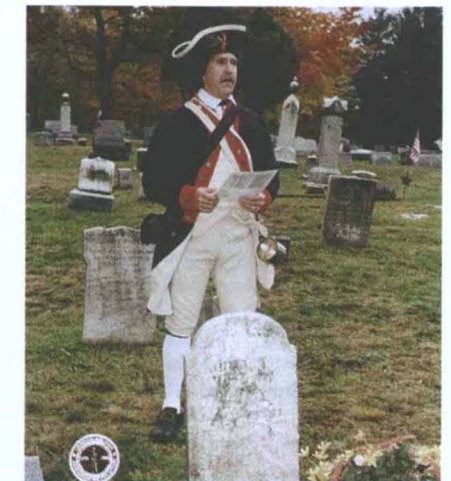
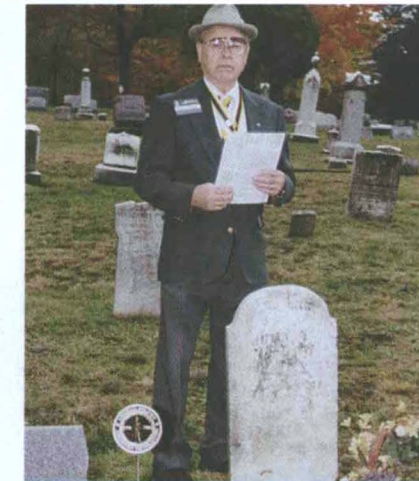


Three sides of the central obelisk list the names of 13 Patriots who are interred in the state, as well as their state of service and the county of their burial site.

President Robert E. Millett. This was followed by Treasurer Kevin G. Parmenter leading the Pledge to the SAR and singing of the National Anthem by Chaplain Timm.

National Trustee William H. Lees, Compatriot Millett and Registrar Richard H. Doyle IV each then recited the names and service record of 13 Patriots honored on the central obelisk. Following a prayer of dedication provided by Chaplain Timm, Executive Director James C. Davis recited the names of the original states ratified by the Constitution; he also acknowledged the significant contributions made to construct the monument by Dr. and Mrs. Warren Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. Millett.

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In late October of 2002 an unusual ceremony saw the dedication of three markers at the grave site of John Henry Hammer at the Antis Cemetery in Blair County, Pennsylvania. Each marker was designed to recognize a different phase of his life: (1) As a Hessian soldier during the Revolutionary War; (2) As a Patriot by virtue of his signing an "Oath of Allegiance" to the new country; and (3) As a member of his family, whose history is detailed. Other prominent participants included: Robert A. Fetters, a member of the Ohio Society's Arthur St. Clair Chapter and a 4th great grandson through the Patriot's daughter; Arnold C. Emerson, a member of the

Pennsylvania Society's Blair County Chapter and a Past Society President; and John Faulds, Jr., also of the Blair County Chapter. The photos above depict: **Left:** The three markers; **Center:** Compatriot Emerson dedicating the SAR Patriot Marker; and **Right:** Revolutionary War re-enactor Roy Walters recounting the various backgrounds held by those considered Patriots. It is interesting to note that Hammer was born in Hessen-Cassel and was sent to America as one of the British Auxiliary troops in von Knyphausen's Regiment. He later chose to take the Oath to the American cause.

HONORING OUR PATRIOT ANCESTORS

Georgia Society Compatriot George E. Thurmond, a prominent member of the NSSAR Revolutionary War Graves Committee, offers valuable tips on locating, marking and registering Patriot grave sites.

So, now you are the Graves Committee Chairman or maybe interested in marking an ancestor's grave. In any event, this is one of the most rewarding ventures that you can participate in as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. It also provides one of the few programs that can include all Chapter members — a great team building opportunity.

The basic job description is simple — *Find them and fix them!* So, how do we get started? Locating the grave can be a real challenge. A name or list can get you on your way. Next, develop a list of resources that can aid in the project. Use known references, such as the DAR Patriot Index, State Archives, State Sources for Family Histories, County Histories, Historical Societies, published Family Histories, Church Histories, to name a few.

Resources Available

Some areas, — such as Georgia, Indiana, Wisconsin and Texas — have published books or a listing (necrology) of graves in their areas. Not all locations of graves are listed, but there are ways to develop this. The main rule is to keep asking questions until you get the answer.

Georgia has a unique reference, *Georgia Revolutionary Soldiers & Sailors, Patriots & Pioneers* that contains the names of over 4,500 Patriots. This publication, in two volumes, lists a considerable number of Patriots, as Georgia was the only state to have a land lottery following the American Revolution. Revolutionary War Veterans received land for their service and many took advantage of this opportunity that began in 1818. This publication may be ordered for \$54 paperback, \$75 hardback,

plus \$4 shipping & handling from:

New Papyrus Co., Inc
548 Cedar Creek Drive
Athens, Georgia 30605-3408

Another helpful source is the CD, *SAR Revolutionary War Graves Register 2000 Edition*. This aid provides the names of all SAR & DAR reports of graves and those whose location have been identified countrywide. The CD may be ordered from Progeny Software, Inc via www.progenysoftware.com or 1-800-565-0018. The cost is \$29.95, plus \$5 shipping and handling.

In Vermont, refer to *Fisher and Fisher's* publication for a listing of all Soldiers, Sailors and Patriots buried there.

The National Society Microfilm records located at Headquarters is another great

place for your research. These National Society projects were developed under the leadership of Graves Chairman, Bob Galer.

Other resources that can be used are County Cemetery publications, County Cemetery Maps and County Cemetery Commissions. Department of Transportation maps are especially helpful as they identify the location on the ground by small dotted rectangles with a cross inside.

Providing notices in local newspapers or Historical Societies newsletters can bring surprising results. It seems that everyone who has knowledge of Patriot graves is willing to provide information if they are aware of your search.

One recommendation using new technology is to record locations by using the Global Positioning System (GPS). This will aid future generations.

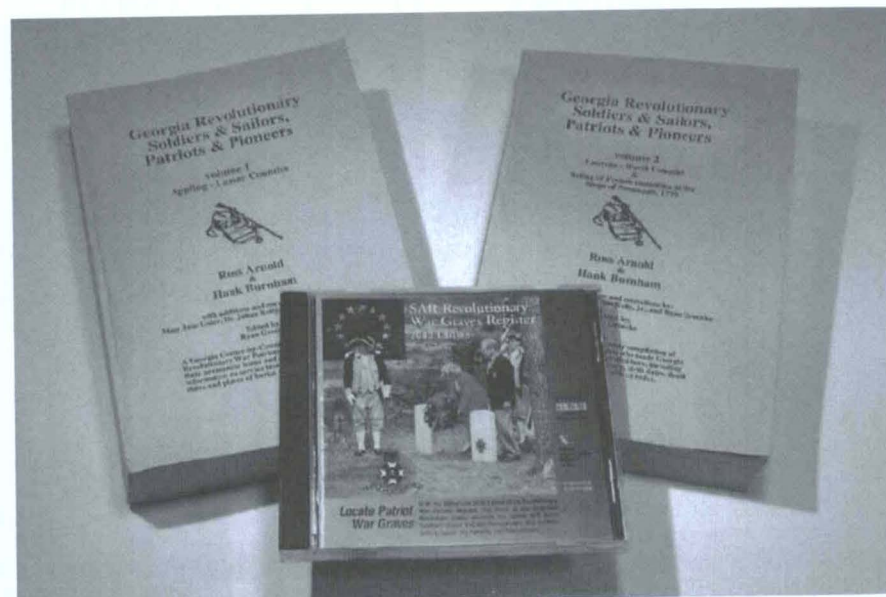
Validation Of A Revolutionary Soldier's Service.

Sometimes the issue of how to validate Revolutionary War Service arises. Revolutionary War Service records are an excellent validation of a Patriot's service. However, these records were "compiled" after the Civil War and are fragmentary. Many records were lost in a fire that occurred on November 10, 1800 in the offices that the Secretary of War occupied. Other records were lost or destroyed in 1814 when government buildings in the capital were sacked by the British. So... the absence of a service record does not mean that he didn't serve.

Also, we can assume that we could also mark the grave of a Patriot who did not serve, such as the famous Nancy Hart and daughter Sukey Hart in Wilkes County, Georgia or Molly Pitcher at the Battle of Monmouth who would qualify for a supplemental. There would be no record of their "service".



In June of last year these members of the Georgia Society Color Guard were on hand for a grave marking program honoring Patriot Robert Brown in Banks County, Georgia (from left): Robert Bauchspies, Revis Butler, Wilbur Maney, James Patton, Larry Whitfield, George Thurmond, Robert Turbyfill and John Morrison.



Two valuable sources of information of Patriot burial sites are the CD produced by the National Society and a 2-volume reference work compiled by the Georgia Society titled *Georgia Revolutionary Soldiers & Sailors, Patriots and Pioneers*. (Photo courtesy Piedmont Chapter Compatriot Jack McCord.)

The best source for validation is from Revolutionary War Pension Records that will provide a broader base of the participation of the Patriot. These and the Service Records indexes are published and are available at most genealogy-based libraries. They will provide a file number that can be used to obtain a record from the microfilm record at the National Archives.

Requests for service records and pension records must be requested by using one of the forms listed below. When completed, order from:

National Archives and Records Administration
Textual Reference Branch (NWD1)
700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20408

The NARA web site is www.nara.gov. The cost is:

- Form 85 Bounty Land Records \$17.25
- Form 85 Pension Records \$37 (full) or \$14.75 (packet)
- Form 86 Military Service Record \$17.

Forms may be ordered from web site inquire@nara.gov. Use of a charge card will bring good results. If no record is found, there is no charge.

Sources, such as the DAR/SAR Patriot Index, County Histories, publications by County Historical Societies, Church Histories, Necrology records and, depending on the information provided, publications by historians, such as Bobby Gilmer Moss who catalogued all known Patriots who fought at Cowpens, Kings Mountain, South Carolina and Moores Creek Bridge, North Carolina.

The bottom line is that there are a number of sources to validate a Revolutionary War Patriot service (or supporter of the War for Independence). Use them all.

Ordering A Government Grave Marker

If there is no existing grave marker, a free marker may be ordered from the National Cemetery Administration office located on the outskirts of Nashville, Tennessee. This office processes the applications for grave stone/bronze markers for Revolutionary War Patriots. (Note that the Patriot must have served in the military, not "aided" in the Revolution). The office will accept documentation from the above reference, *Georgia Revolutionary Soldiers & Sailors*,



Presenting the Colors at the dedication of grave markers for Patriots John Lanning and Adam Cooper at Cane Creek Cemetery in Fairview, North Carolina were members of the Reynolds High School JROTC Unit. Held toward the end of last year, the program was sponsored by the Blue Ridge Chapter, whose President John Higdon served as Master of Ceremonies. Fairview Historian and Compatriot Bruce Whitaker recounted the family and Revolutionary War experiences of the Patriots.

Patriots & Pioneers as valid documentation for Patriots buried in Georgia. The office has been furnished with a copy of this publication for this purpose. Form VA40-1330 may be completed by visiting web site: www.cem.va.gov

When completed, print a copy and fax it with a letter of transmittal and a one-page documentation of the service to 1-800-455-7143. This will cut down considerably on the time it takes to get a free government marker. This is a direct fax line to the using section and will place you ahead of about 19,000 other VA requests for grave markers! If you have questions of this source, call 1-888-367-1330 and ask for "The Old Boys" section.

If there is an error on a bronze marker, the Memorial Programs Service will pick it up and replace it free, even if the mistake is ours. However, errors on stones will not be replaced. Applications and documents are scanned in a computer system and the Memorial Programs Service office does not desire to have a lot of attachments. Also, note that the marker may be delivered to another site if the proper information is completed on the form. For instance, this allows for an SAR member in Arizona to order a marker and have it delivered to someone in New Jersey for installation. Additional information is available on this new web site.

The National Society Graves Committee encourages the addition of the SAR marker to the government marker. However, the SAR considers a grave marked if only a government marker is installed.

Planning A Grave Marking Service

Visit the SAR web site for helpful information about planning and conducting a grave marking service. However, remember that grave markers are now ordered as outlined above as some of the information is in the process of being updated. A sample invitation, program, media releases, service lay-



Fairburn, Georgia was the site of a ceremony in 2002 that saw marking of the grave of Patriot William Sewell. On hand for the event were (from left): Von Starkey; Button Gwinett, President of the local C.A.R. Society; and James McIntire.



Patriot Philemon Hodges was honored at a November 2002 grave marking service held by the Georgia Society's Coweta Falls Chapter at the Shiloh Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery in Muscogee County. **Left:** Chapter President Billy H. Thompson presided over the ceremony. **Right:** Performing smartly was the 11-man, award-winning Society Color Guard. Also participating in the program were members of the DAR and other patriotic societies, as well as 12 descendants (including three-year-old William Boyd III who unveiled a newly installed tombstone). Born in North Carolina, Hodges served several separate terms of duty in his state's militia. He was a Captain commanding a troop of Light Horse in North Carolina in 1783 when the war officially ended. He later migrated to Georgia and received land from the Georgia Land Lottery for his service.

out and graves registry form are provided. A planning guide is available to cover all the bases for a grave marking service.

Use of bagpipes, if available, adds a unique feature to these programs as a considerable number of Patriots were of Scottish descent. If live music cannot be obtained, recorded music works well. This could be played about 20 minutes prior to the beginning of the service and 10 minutes following the service. A tape (Sousa-type marches) is sometimes available from a local Armed Service Band if one is available in your area. Inclusion of "Taps" adds dignity to the program. This is an excellent substitute for live music. Drum & Fife music is obviously desirable if available. One of the Drum & Fife tunes is *Farewell to Lochaber*, which is a traditional lament used at military funerals when approaching a gravesite. Hot Punch, used to depart a gravesite, follows this. This can be used when the colors are being posted, at the unveiling, wreath laying and when the colors are retired.

Use of media releases with photographs are extremely valuable in these programs and are universally acceptable to newsprint sources. Extensive publicity can be obtained from this and other media, such as television at no cost to the SAR. One item that will aid in informing the community of your grave marking service is to obtain a Proclamation for the Honored Patriot from the local Mayor and publicize this in area newspapers.

Marking A Grave For SAR Ancestors In Another Area Or State

The SAR web site provides several helpful items to assist members who cannot be present at a grave marking across the country but would still like to see the grave marked.

Finally, the grave marking needs to be reported to the National Society on the form included in the SAR web site. These reports are microfilmed and added to our reference at Headquarters.

When you complete your grave marking service, be sure to include a report to Editor



Win Williams for inclusion in *The SAR Magazine*. As these services are very colorful and provide a variety of attendees, be sure to include photos for Win.

As you can see, there is quite a lot of work to conducting a meaningful grave marking. However, select from this material what works for you and you will be most pleased when your ancestor is honored with such dignity! When you complete a grave marking service, you will walk a bit taller for having accomplished such a noble deed for the Sons of the American Revolution.



In April of last year the grave site of Patriot George Norwood was marked on the grounds of Antioch United Methodist Church in Fairburn, Georgia. Among those participating in the ceremony were these members of the Piedmont Chapter (from left): Secretary Ken Howell, Thomas Jackson and Paul Simpson, Editor of the Chapter's newsletter.



This dramatic mural illustrating the Battle of Ramsour's Mill was painted in 1997 by Bridget Payseur, a well-known local artist, on the lobby wall of the Lincoln County Citizen Center in Lincolnton, North Carolina. Commissioned by the community, it measures 20 feet by 8 feet. She has captured the early morning encounter on a fog-covered hill in the farm yard of Christian Reinhardt. Note that she shows how combatants were identified by the use of a piece of paper in the hat band of the Patriots and a green twig in the hat band of the Loyalists – which method is said to account for many head wounds. She has also depicted one of the first casualties, Captain Fells, on horseback. (Special thanks are extended to Darrell Harkey, Lincoln County Historical Coordinator, for permission to reproduce the mural – and to Ron Atchley Photography of Lincolnton Inc. for this mural photo.)

The Battle of Ramsour's Mill

The Catawba River Valley of North Carolina was the 1780 setting for this little publicized but strategically important battle in the Southern Campaign that led to the defeat of Lord Cornwallis – as is capably recounted by Compatriot John E. Echerd.

The close of 1779 had seen little movement in the North as Washington, in command of the Patriot Forces, and Clinton, in command of the Loyalist Forces, side-stepped each other. Stalemate seemed to have set in and the two armies were difficult to hold together.

The British Plan was simple. The South was assumed to have many "Loyal Subjects" who would flock to the "Banner of King George" with enthusiasm and material support. Indeed there were a large number of Loyalists who wanted the 'Rebellion' to end and were willing to enlist in the army of the King. They would provide (with adequate payment) the supplies necessary to sustain an army and restore 'order' to the King's Colonies.

The Campaign was designed to take the coast ports of Wilmington, North Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina, Savannah, Georgia and roll up the rivers, gathering strength and numbers as the Loyal citizens joined the conquering army. This plan worked in the beginning.

Savannah was taken in the fall of 1779; Charleston was taken in the spring of 1780 and with it the major Southern Patriot army under General Benjamin Lincoln.

It seemed that the juggernaut could not be stopped. LTC Banastre Tarleton, the British Cavalry Commander, had defeated Huger at Monck's Corner (April 1780); White, Wm. Washington, and Buford at Lenud's Ferry (May 1780); and committed a massacre on Abraham Buford (May 1780) at Waxhaw.

The people of the inland territories were not so sure they supported the King and his high-handed rule over them. Many were appalled at the brutality of Tarleton and the thievery of their produce through taxation and confiscation. Neighbor took up arms against neighbor, brother against brother, in the form of 'barn burning' and other violence.

In the Piedmont region of the upper Catawba River Valley the former County of Tryon, – named for a former Royal Governor, – had been divided into two counties: (1) Rutherford, named for Gen. Griffith Rutherford who

had gained fame as an Indian fighter and leader of Patriot militia; and (2) Lincoln, named for Gen. Benjamin Lincoln who had distinguished himself as a Patriot general and later was given the honor of receiving the sword of Lord Cornwallis at the surrender at Yorktown.

Lincoln County was formed on April 15, 1779. It is this frontier area that this tale is told.

CORNWALLIS COMMANDED BRITISH IN SOUTH

Cornwallis was given command of British Forces in the South. He was gaining confidence by his seeming unstoppable conquest of the Georgia Coastal Area and the State of South Carolina. He gave orders to his Loyalist friends in the interior to be prepared to supply his army with food, grain and fodder but to wait until after the wheat crop was gathered in mid-June. They were instructed to take a renewed oath of allegiance, to the Crown, from each of their followers.

One of these Loyalist leaders was LTC John Moore who lived near a popular gathering place, Ramsour's Mill. The mill was located on Clark's Creek about a mile upstream from the south fork of the Catawba in the edge of what is now the town of Lincolnton. The wheat crop was 'in' and it was time to "Clean out those Rebel Whigs". Moore was encouraged by the return, from Cornwallis' Headquarters, of his friend Nicholas Welch. Welch had a fancy uniform and a bag full of gold coin.

Without specific orders from Cornwallis, Welch and Moore began to assemble a force of Loyalists. The call went out about June 10th. By the 19th there were as many as 1,400 men gathered in a camp on the farm of Christian Reinhardt. The farmyard was on a hill top just northeast of Derrick Ramsour's Mill. The crest of the hill overlooked the mill pond. Locke did not get the message but knew of Moore's bivouac. Being nearer than General Rutherford to Ramsour's Mill, Locke and his small force moved toward the Loyalist camp, gaining numbers as he went. They marched through the night of June 19 and were met by Adam Reep, a Patriot sympathizer, who had spent the day in the Loyalist camp. Reep knew the disposition and plans of Moore and his men. Reep sent his brother to round up their friends and to go to the east hoping to meet with Locke.

PATRIOTS PLAN IMMEDIATE ATTACK

Locke and Reep met at daybreak about two miles east of the Reinhardt farm. They made plans to attack immediately while they held the advantage of surprise. They sent a messenger, Col. James Johnston, to find Rutherford and tell him of the situation and urging him to come to their aid.



Compatriot John C. Echerd is shown in front of a reconstructed log cabin on the site where the Battle of Ramsour's Mill was fought. A native of the Catawba Valley in North Carolina, he maintains dual membership in the Catawba Valley Chapter – with his primary Chapter being John Sevier of the Tennessee Society. Now serving as Tennessee's Alternate National Trustee, he has been its President, as well as President of the John Sevier Chapter. He serves on the National Society's Historic Celebrations Committee and was active in planning the 2002 commemoration of Ramsour's Mill, as is reported in an accompanying news story. He holds these medals: Distinguished Service, Patriot, Meritorious Service, Bronze Good Citizenship, War Service and Liberty. One of his Revolutionary War ancestors, James Stevenson, served under Captain Joseph Sharpe and Col. Francis Locke mentioned in this article. Readers will recall that he and Compatriot John Sevier Gibson authored a feature article for the Spring 2002 Issue of *The SAR Magazine* titled "The Seviors of Tennessee".



This unusual monument marks the location of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill. The inscription reads: "On this site, June 20, 1780, a group of North Carolina Militia defeated a superior force loyal to the British Crown. Many participants were from Lincoln County, and neighbors were often engaged on opposite sides. This patriot victory helped contribute to the eventual British defeat in the Revolutionary War."

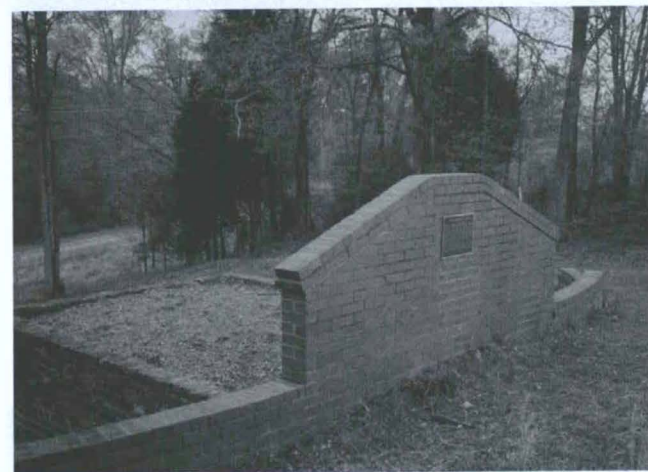
Most of the Locke's Patriot forces were from Lincoln, Burke, Rowan, Wilkes, and Surry Counties (now Lincoln, Burke, Iredell, Alexander, Caldwell, Catawba, Surry, Mecklenburg and Davie Counties). Some of the known leaders of these forces were McDowell, Falls, Wilson, Hardin, McKissick, Sharpe, Bowman, Alexander, Sloan, Knox, Dodson, and Armstrong. Many of the troops are known only to God, as no official record of the battle was written. Locke had about 400 men of which 250 were actually engaged in the battle.

The timing and weather conditions were critical to the success of the attack. Rain had fallen on Monday the 19th and Tuesday arrived with a very heavy fog. Locke was able to position his men without being seen. With the information given him by Adam Reep, Locke was able to send a force along Sherrill's Ford Road to a position northeast of the Loyalist camp. He led his group around a swamp between Sherrill Ford Road and Tuskasegee Road and took position in a line southeast of the camp. Capt. Hardin circled the camp and took position southwest of the camp almost between the hill top and Ramsour's Mill dam. One picket was driven back to camp before the first charge. Other than that the attack was a complete surprise. The Loyalist troops were just waking up from a good night's sleep, probably after a wild night of parties.

PATRIOTS WIN IN SPITE OF ODDS

The numerical odds were overwhelmingly in favor of the Loyalists. The weather, the element of surprise and the superior leadership of the Patriots made the tactical advantage shift decidedly toward the Patriots. Locke had confidence in the ability and bravery of his men. His instructions were "be your own commander, fight for your homes and for Liberty". Each man had spent much of his life defending his home against Indians and rabid Loyalists. Each one knew that failure meant being subject to the ruthless temper of the British arbitrary rule.

The first charge was repulsed. The Patriots regrouped and closed the noose around the surprised and discouraged Loyalists. Col. Moore gave little leadership (legend has it that he was so demoralized that he held to a locust tree so tight that he left his hand print). The tactical leadership role fell to Captain Nicholas Warlick.



The plaque mounted on this wall carries the title, "Whig Captain's Grave." An inscription reads: "Killed in the Battle of Ramsour's Mill on June 20, 1780 were seven North Carolina Militia officers: Captain Falls, Sloan, Knox, Smith, Bowman, Armstrong and Dobson. Some were returned to their homes for burial and others, including Captain Dobson, were interred here. Buried here later were his daughter, Anne, and her husband, Wallace Alexander, who survived the battle." The tomb was rebuilt and the brick wall erected in 1954 and this plaque placed June 20, 1995 by the members of the Jacob Forney Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Locke called for the best shot in the group. The Sharpe brothers responded. One took aim on Captain Warlick. Just as he was to pull the trigger he was hit in the arm by a musket ball. His brother, Captain Joseph Sharpe, shot Warlick off his horse (legend has it that the term "sharpshooter" was coined from this incident).

That was the break needed to bring the battle to a close. The Loyalists broke and ran, following Col. Moore. Most surviving Loyalists ran across the mill dam under heavy fire from the Patriots. Many who could not make it across the mill dam ran into the mill pond to avoid being shot. Some drowned.

Most of Moore's forces fled, many to their homes. Some could be seen across the mill dam. Locke demanded surrender in a brave attempt to hide the fact that he had only about 85 men left to defend against a counter-attack. There was no counter-attack. This victory was not only a tactical success but turned out to be one of the most important strategic victories of "The War in the South".

The van of General Rutherford's relief force arrived before noon but the battle had been won. As the fog



A simple marker identifies the Mass Graves Site, with this inscription: "Underneath this hallowed ground, lying between the borders marked, are the remains of many of the seventy brave and true citizen-soldiers, names unknown, loyalists and patriots, their bodies unclaimed. They died fighting, their strong beliefs intact, on that 20th day of June 1780. Sacred to memory are those who fell defending their beliefs, at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill. May these stones cry out - Lest We Forget!"

cleared the carnage became apparent. Of 250 of Locke's men engaged, 150 were killed or wounded. Of the 700 or more of the Moore's forces engaged, out of a total present of 1,400 in camp, 150 were killed or wounded. This was one of the bloodiest battles in the Revolution in terms of percentage of casualties.

A member of the relief column said, "the battlefield was a terrible sight - there were bodies strewn about the hill which was soaked with blood - after the battle, a group of us dug a trench on the far side of the hill and laid the bodies of the dead all together in it - after this battle the folks in these parts lost all interest in fightin' for the British sympathizers who had lied to them -".

BATTLE HAD LONG-RANGE IMPORTANCE

The "Valley of the Catawba" played a critical part in the Revolutionary "War of the South". Ramsour's Mill is located on Clark's Creek, a tributary to the south fork of the Catawba. The Catawba becomes the Wateree when it reaches South Carolina. The lands near the tributaries of the Great Waterway saw many significant Battles of the Revolution (Waxhaw, Camden, Cowpens, Ninety-six, Eutaw Springs, to name a few).

The most important contribution the victory at Ramsour's Mill made in the year 1780 was its effect on subsequent events. The Valley of the Catawba was part of the route of the "Over the Mountain Men" as they came to meet Ferguson at Kings Mountain. The army of Ferguson at Kings Mountain was made up of Loyalists. Had Ramsour's Mill been a Loyalist victory the "folks in these parts" would have stopped or slowed the progress of the forces of Campbell, Sevier, Shelby, McDowell, Cleveland and Winston as they gathered to meet the "left wing" of Cornwallis' army at Kings Mountain. Col. Moore and his rag-tag army might have been added to Ferguson's forces and could very well have prevented the Patriot victory at Kings Mountain. That victory, many believe, was the "Beginning of the end" for Cornwallis. (see map)

The site of the Patriot victory at Ramsour's Mill was visited by Cornwallis as he chased Daniel Morgan in his withdrawal from his victory at Cowpens in January of

1781. It was at this site in the Winter of 1781 that Cornwallis began to "lighten his baggage" to expedite his chase of Morgan in his "Race to the Dan". This action by Cornwallis contributed to his lack of strength and to his need, after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, to withdraw to Wilmington to rebuild his supplies before proceeding to Virginia and his defeat at Yorktown.

Historians may argue the relative importance of the outcome of battles. The media and history books may give long praise to those who were responsible for the results of these conflicts. The Battle of Ramsour's Mill did more to win the hearts and loyalty of the Carolina Piedmont than any of the more famous of the meetings of the Loyalists and the Patriots.

SOME BATTLE SITES ARE RESTORED

As is wide spread in our country, historic sites are being destroyed or covered by pavement. The battle site at Ramsour's Mill has all but disappeared. The hill top, on which the major fighting took place, is now a school playground. It has become the site of an Elementary School and Middle School of the Lincolnton School System. The approaches to the battlefield where Sherrill's Ferry Road was, is now Dixon street and is occupied by the Lincolnton High School and a bus parking lot. The mill pond area contains a baseball diamond and a high school football stadium. If historic sites must be used for other things, what better use than a school site.

The people of Lincoln County are making strong progress in preserving the few remaining battle landmarks. The mill dam, though breached, remains visible and work is being done to preserve it. The mass grave

has been located and adequately marked. The site of the grave of Nicholas Warlick is marked with a monument, although it is in the middle of a school playground. A millstone from the original mills is enshrined in a small park with commemorative plaque. The cairn of "A Whig Captain" is marked with a brick enclosure. The Lincoln County Historical Association is making progress in restoration and the County Commission is making available an annual celebration. Much more needs to be done but progress must await the availability of funds.

Close study of the site reveals many interesting marks of the original battle that took place in 1780. Bulldozers have moved much of the "blood-soaked" ground but a study of the heroic day can uncover a mental image of what 'might have been' the day 300 brave men gave "Life or Blood" standing up for what they believed. It was a fateful day in the march toward the liberty we enjoy today.

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North Carolina Compatriots Commemorate Battle

June 8th of last year was the date selected to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill that took place on June 20, 1780. Among the honored guests was then President General Larry D. McClanahan.

For many years the residents of Lincoln County, North Carolina have marked the



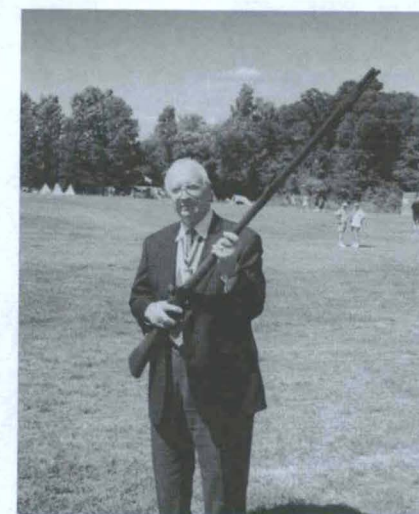
Compatriots from the Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia Societies made up the Combined Color Guard that performed at the commemoration. Marching with them was President General Larry D. McClanahan.

critical battle on the second Saturday in June. The North Carolina's Catawba Valley Chapter joined that celebration as a sponsor in 2001. Then in 2002 the NSSAR Historic Celebrations Committee and NCSSAR joined as co-sponsors.

The 8th - a Saturday - witnessed a large turnout to welcome PG McClanahan for a weekend of special activities, including a wreath laying at the Mass Grave Site near the center of the battlefield; a "Ghost Walk", led by Darrell Harkey, Lincoln County Historical Coordinator, that traversed the area while he pointed out the locations of the opposing forces and the progress of the encounter; and a re-enactment by the combined Locke Militia, Guilford Militia and the Over the Mountain Men groups.

Other events on the program encompassed a speech by State Representative Daniel W. Barefoot on the "Significance of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill on the Outcome of the Revolution"; a bar-b-que lunch sponsored by the Lincoln County Commission that drew over 700 people; speeches by a variety of dignitaries ranging from the PG and George Thurmond (Vice Chairman of the NSSAR Historic Celebrations Committee) to Mrs. Richard A. Boyd (NCS-DAR State Regent).

On Sunday many returned to the Mass Grave Site to hear an "old-fashioned" sermon delivered by the Rev. Jim Campbell of the Guilford Militia. He was dressed as he might have been in 1780.



President General Larry D. McClanahan is shown holding a rifle used in the Battle of Ramsour's Mill. He was the honored guest during the commemoration of the encounter in June of last year.

\$3.7 million Raised So Far To Build Heritage Center

As this issue of the magazine was about to go to press in early May, Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee Charles F. Bragg announced that over \$3.7 million had been contributed or pledged to permit construction of the proposed Center for Advancing America's Heritage across Fifth Street from National Headquarters in Louisville. This total came from these varied sources: Compatriots, \$2.5 million; State Societies, \$29,500; Chapters, \$26,300; and such others as Foundations, Trusts and Bequests, \$1.2 million. The goal is \$6 million, which will include an endowment to provide a permanent source of support for SAR programs and facilities.

Plans call for developing the Center into one of the Nation's leading repository of Revolutionary War documents and artifacts as well as military and genealogical records, manuscripts, and

other pertinent historical materials. Cindy Harbin, our Director of Development, is already envisioning what this facility will be like when our current library holdings are moved there: more than adequate space for our tens of thousands of volumes relating to history and genealogy – with emphasis on the Revolutionary War. She sees, of course, a wide range of visitors who will delight in pouring through these materials – from those who are seeking family data needed to become a member of our Society to scholars researching information for books they are writing. And all the while, a classroom of 4th graders has settled down to view a film on some aspect of American History.

Following are the names of those Compatriots and friends of our Society who have made generous contributions to the Center. If you also want to participate, contact Cindy at 502-589-1776.

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Compatriot Robert Proctor Gives \$2 million

Compatriot Robert Whitaker Proctor has two families: his descendants and his SAR friends. He is the father of son Charles and daughters Sarah and Nancy, and grandfather of Taylor (10). It is the fraternal love of his second family that prompted Compatriot Proctor to make a \$2-million contribution to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

Bob joined SAR and the Cape Cod Chapter of the Massachusetts Society in 1982 as the descendant of Patriot Paul Wyman, who marched to Concord in response to the Alarm of April 19, 1775. Bob is proud of his American heritage, which led to his dedication and involvement in SAR. His mother was a DAR and grandfather George Elliott Richardson joined our Society in 1896. Bob established and maintains the Massachusetts Society office in Chatham. He served two terms as State President and as National Trustee – and was a Vice-President General for the New England District in 1999-2000. He is currently General Chairman of the Treasurer General's Committees, NSSAR Ambassador to Spain and Investment Committee Chairman.

Most of Bob's impressive career has involved corporate financial management, including at Pacific Gas Electric, Bechtel Corporation, Allied Chemical and Olin Corporation. His extensive banking experience comes from The First National Bank of Boston, The Chase Manhattan Bank and

Citibank. He is a graduate in economics from Harvard College and a veteran of World War II in the U.S. Navy. He retired as lieutenant after 25 years in the Naval Reserve.

"I really enjoy my SAR membership and association with my SAR friends," said Bob. "I can think of no better way to repay the Society than to make this contribution to Center for Advancing America's

Heritage." He will be celebrating his 80th birthday in June, knowing that his gift will be a lasting legacy to the heritage we all cherish so much.

Editor's Note: This special report was prepared by California Compatriot Marston Watson at the request of the magazine editor. He and Compatriot Proctor are long time friends.



At the time of the Spring Trustees Meeting in Louisville, Compatriot Robert W. Proctor (center) was thanked for his \$2-million contribution by (from left): Cindy Harbin, Director of Development; Raymond G. Musgrave, Secretary General; B. Rice Aston, President General; and Charles F. Bragg, Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee.



Honor Guardsmen from several State Societies took part in the program at the Daniel Morgan statue (above) and Cowpens National Battlefield.

Cowpens Marked

According to news materials sent to the magazine by Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, President of the Virginia Society's Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter, Compatriots from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia gathered in Gaffney, SC over the weekend of January 17-19 to observe the 222nd anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens.

The program began on the 18th — a Saturday morning — with a wreath laying ceremony at the General Morgan statue in Spartanburg. Attendees then drove to the Cowpens National Battlefield for an afternoon commemoration program.



The aroma of wood fires and food and coffee being prepared wafted through the wintry air that surrounded camped re-enactors at Cowpens.



Dr. Samuel P. Davis, Vice-President General for the South Atlantic District, presented the National Society Memorial Wreath at the Cowpens ceremony.

SPECIAL REPORT

A Visit With Compatriot Congressman Howard Coble Of North Carolina

By Timothy R. Bennett, Chairman
Congressional and Governmental Relations Committee

This is the second in a series of interviews with members of the U.S. Congress who are also members of the Sons of American Revolution.

Congressman and Compatriot Howard Coble, Republican from the 6th District of North Carolina, and members of the NSSAR Congressional and Governmental Relations Committee met November, 2002 at his office to talk about Congressman Coble's long service to his congressional district. Committee Chairman Timothy R. Bennett was accompanied by Historian General Bruce A. Wilcox. Andrew M. Johnson of the D.C. Society recorded and edited the interview.

Congressman Coble, a native North Carolinian, was elected to the House on November 6, 1984, after service with the U.S. Coast Guard and several terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives.



The text of this special story about Congressman Howard Coble (second from right) was based on an interview with him by Compatriots (from left) Bruce A. Wilcox, Andrew N. Johnson and Timothy R. Bennett.

Warming to the first question asked by Mr. Bennett about his first interests in politics, Congressman Coble noted that "Back in those days, North Carolina was as a practical matter, a one-party state. In many parts of my state, if you weren't a Democrat, you couldn't get a job as a public school educator. You couldn't get a job driving a pickup truck for the Department of Transportation or be the custodian of a school. And I am sure that there were states where this was equally true where the Republican Party was in control. I thought that it was unfair, since these salaries were subsidized with taxpayer money and that it was unfair to have a litmus test of party affiliation before you got the job. That is what really prompted me to join the Republican Party." He went on to say that "My momma and daddy were both Democrats. When I first ran for the state legislature, my mom and dad couldn't vote for me in the primary. My mom changed her affiliation the next week. My daddy never changed until I ran for Congress."

Serves On Two Important Committees

The Congressman currently serves on the House Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. He acknowledged that America has some

problems in its transportation system. "I have the fear that both the infrastructure of highways and bridges specifically is becoming more and more deteriorated...Back home, when I cross a bridge particularly in a rural area, it just looks unsafe. I just kind of hold my breath until I get to the other side. I'm sure that is the case from sea to sea and border to border. We have to have money to do it and it is not an inexpensive operation to address. I think elected officials need to continually remind people, "Let's take better care of our infrastructure. We need to provide the necessary money to do this."

The teaching of American History in our schools has come under attack by many and most notably by President Bush. The Congressman agreed that "...elected officials need to speak openly and frequently about the importance of teaching history. The President is right about that. I think that teaching history needs to be moved to the top shelf. You know that at one time history was a top shelf discipline. With the passage of time, and in this high tech era, there may be a feeling that history was so long ago and that technology has a higher importance. That is a mistake that needs to be corrected and I think that public officials need to use their bully pulpit to remind the populace that we do not mean to abandon the teaching of history."

Historic Preservation Important

Mr. Coble is also a friend of historic preservation. "We cannot allow Americana to be destroyed at will. Today, so often people abandon or reject old sites and I say that these places, often times, are rich in history and memories and I believe that preserving these historic sites serves a good purpose. Guilford Courthouse looks better now than it did five or six years ago. I think that I had a little bit to do with that."

Do you need to be a lawyer to be successful in politics? Mr. Coble would agree it may give some advantage but there are many other disciplines, such as business experience, that would serve as well. "I think that anything we do prior to getting to Congress that would sharpen our sense of responsibility and our sense of concern is beneficial but I do think that legal training helps."

Would you encourage family members to run for Congress? Mr. Coble, a bachelor, had an interesting answer: "As far as encouraging members of my family to become members of Congress; that would be difficult to do as far as my immediate family since I am a bachelor. But I would encourage people to consider Congress if they are so inclined. Being a bachelor and not having an immediate family probably makes me more flexible in discharging the duties of my office. I think that I have been able to devote more time to my congressional duties than I would if I had a wife and a couple of kids. I would tell anyone I would encourage to come up here to first run it by your spouse. Be sure she signs off on it. Keep in mind that if you have children, especially small children, that there will be all kinds of scheduling problems."

Mr. Coble had some advice for the SAR when asked how we can promote our Society. "Well, let me go back to your earlier question about the importance of history; we can continue to stress the importance of history and tying that into SAR, a very natural tie in."

Exhibit Traces Lewis And Clark Trek

Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery was the nation's first federally funded scientific expedition. In carrying out Jefferson's instructions to Lewis, the explorers mapped every twist and turn of the Missouri, Columbia and other rivers. They also gathered information about the soils, plants, animals and native inhabitants of the lands through which they passed.

Two hundred years later, the U.S. Geological Survey, an agency of the Department of the Interior and nation's largest natural science agency, carries on the legacy of surveying our natural heritage that began with Lewis and Clark. Although modern scientific tools, such as seismic monitoring devices and remote sensing satellites, are for more sophisticated than those employed by Lewis and Clark, the spirit of dedication and sense of discovery remain the same. In surveying natural resources and applying scientific knowledge to the land, the USGS continues to do what Lewis and Clark began.

USGS has scientists across the nation continuing the legacy and using modern-day tools to study, monitor and learn about the earth and its inhabitants. To learn more about USGS continuing the legacy, see <http://www.usgs.gov/features/lewisandclark.html>.

The Corps of Discovery II — a touring federal interagency exhibition named after the original Corps of Discovery led by Lewis and Clark — opened to the public on the Mall in Washington, D.C. in March. Following the approximate route of the original expedition, the traveling exhibition has launched a four-year odyssey extending from Virginia to the Oregon coast during the 2003-2006 Bicentennial.

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Compatriots Commemorate Patriot Victory In Battle of Kettle Creek

By Georgia Society Compatriot Robert F. Galer

In early February members of the Georgia Society and its Samuel Elbert Chapter gathered in the small town of Washington to sponsor a program marking the 224th anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek. Joining them were Secretary General Raymond G. Musgrave, who came from West Virginia to represent the National Society, and numerous Compatriots from 16 Chapters in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Carolina and Florida Societies. Also featured was the 25-piece 434th U.S. Army band; an Honor Guard from the Ceremonial Detachment, Fort Gordon; and the Greene County High School Air Force JROTC Unit. Lending added color to the program were the "Georgia Refugees", a Revolutionary War re-enactment unit that had camped out at the battle site and provided a display of life in a militia contingent in the field.

Take "Oath Of Allegiance"

On the morning of the second day the "Refugees" – after combing taverns and public houses for "spies" and "Tories" – took an "Oath of Allegiance" within the town of Washington. They recruited more than 20 added volunteers from the SAR in signing the oath, which attested to the signers' allegiance to the Patriot cause. Among those who volunteered to sign were SG Musgrave and Georgia Society President Milton Johnson.

SG Musgrave served as keynote speaker for the day and was a wreath presenter. Other presenters ranged from State Societies and Chapters to 20 DAR Chapters, four C.A.R. Societies and 12 descendants of Patriots who participated in the battle.

About The Battle

It was the sixth successive year that the SAR sponsored the event, which this time saw the presentation of 48 commemorative wreaths. The service also featured a 26-member Color Guard consisting of members of the nationally acclaimed Georgia Society Color Guard and men from the North

The Battle of Kettle Creek resulted in a great victory for a Patriot force of 300 men over a Tory force of about 600. After a two-hour encounter, the Tories were routed with a loss of 40 killed and 70 captured. Nine Patriots were killed and 23 wounded. Tory prisoners were convicted of high treason



A 26-man Color Guard participated in the Kettle Creek ceremonies. Making up the unit were Compatriots from several State Societies.

("war crimes" in modern parlance). Five were hanged, while the remainder were pardoned.

The victory prevented a serious rallying of Tories in the Georgia and South Carolina back country for a long time – and encouraged Patriot militia to flock to the cause of independence. It opened up the back country and was a factor in the British evacuation of Augusta, and withdrawal to Savannah.



Valley Forge Society of the Descendants

Descendants of a soldier who served in the Continental Army under the command of General George Washington at Valley Forge during the Winter encampment period of December 19, 1777 – June 19, 1778, may be eligible for membership in the Society with proven documentation.

To obtain a membership application form, please write to the Commissary General.

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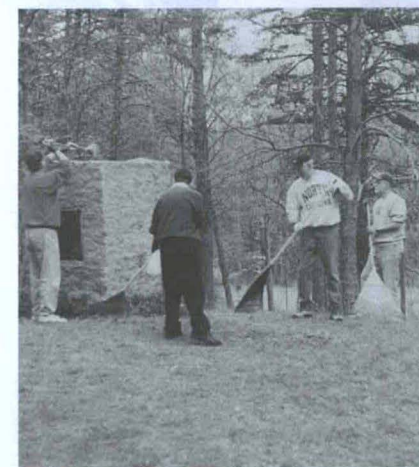
Among dignitaries participating in the Kettle Creek commemoration were (from left in foreground): Robert F. Galer, Chairman of the Georgia Society Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee; Secretary General Raymond G. Musgrave; and Milton Johnson, Georgia Society President. Standing in the background was an imposing monument dedicated to the battle.



This monument, erected in 1909, is devoted to Dr. David Caldwell who helped care for the wounded of both sides left behind in the aftermath of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on March 15, 1781. The inscription reads: "Dr. David Caldwell – Born 1724 – Died 1824 – Preacher-Patriot-Physician-Teacher"

Chapter Maintains Battle Monuments

Since 1999, the Nathanael Greene Chapter in Greensboro, North Carolina has had as one of its major projects the clean-up and maintenance of three monuments within the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park located at Greensboro.



No soldiers played more decisive roles in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse than did those from Maryland. This monument, dedicated in 1892, commemorates these Patriots with this inscription: "Maryland's Tribute to Her Heroic Dead – Erected by Members of the Maryland Historical Society – In Memory of the Soldiers of the Maryland Line 1781-1892 – Non Omnis Moria – (I shall nor die altogether)"

Started by Past President Larry Brown, the continuing program is performed in the Spring and again in the Fall of each year. Note the accompanying photos, which were submitted to the magazine by Chapter Historian James R. Severs.

SAR HISTORIC CELEBRATIONS

This listing is compiled for every issue of the magazine by John H. Sauer, a member of the West Virginia Society. It is continually updated, largely through information submitted by State Societies and Chapters. Please send such data to him at 2110 Mason Blvd., Point Pleasant, WV 25550 or directly by e-mail to SweetSauer@Charter.net. The deadline for the Summer 2003 Issue, which will be published in August, is June 15.

May 27 - Austin, TX: Memorial Day Service 10:00am. State Cemetery. Sponsored by Patrick Henry Chapter, TXSSAR.

May 27 - Westwood, MA: Memorial Day 9:30am. Parade and wreath laying. MASSAR Color Guard participates.

June 7-8 - Ramsour's Mill (near Lincolnton), NC: Wreath laying sponsored by Catawba Valley Chapter, NCSSAR at 2:00 pm. Color guard participation.

June 15 (Sunday) - Baltimore, MD: 9:00am. Old St. Paul's Cemetery. Commemorative service for Declaration Signer and Rev. War veterans. Color Guard, musket firing, wreath laying. Sponsored by MDSSAR.

June 17 - Charlestown, MA: Bunker Hill Day. Anniversary Battle of Bunker Hill 9:00am. Church service, parade, musket salutes, wreath laying. The New England Contingent participates.

June 28 - Charleston, SC (Carolina Day): 3:00pm. Parade and Ceremony. Commemorating Battle of Sullivan's Island (1st Battle of Charleston). Wreath laying. SCSSAR participants.

July 4 - Norwood, MA: 5:00pm. Independence Day Parade. MASSAR Color Guard participates.

July 4 - Philadelphia, PA: Independence National Historical Park. 1:30pm. "Let Freedom Ring" bell ringing at Liberty Bell Pavilion.

July 4 - Mt. Vernon, VA: Washington Family Tomb. 12:00 noon. Wreath laying. VASSAR participants.

July 4 - Monticello, VA (near Charlottesville): 10:00am. Jefferson's Tomb, wreath laying. Co-sponsored by Thomas Jefferson Chapter, VASSAR, and DAR.

July 4 - Ashlawn, VA (near Charlottesville): 1:00pm. James Monroe's Home, Picnic, ceremony, champagne toasts. Sponsored by Thomas Jefferson Chapter, VASSAR.

July 4 - New Haven, CT: 9:00am. Memorial Service for Roger Sherman, Declaration Signer. (Includes Governor's Foot Guard) Sponsored by David Humphrey Branch No 1, CTSSAR

July 4 - Washington, DC. Congressional Cemetery: 10:00am. Wreath laying. Tomb of Elbridge Gerry. Sponsored by DCSSAR.

July 7 - Old House Plantation Cemetery, SC (east of Ridgeland): 10:00am. Wreath laying memorial service for Thomas Heyward, Declaration Signer. Sponsored by SCSSAR, SCDAR and SCCAR.

July 19 - Ft. Laurens (near Bolivar, OH): 11:00am. Annual Memorial Service. Tomb of Unknown Patriot of the Revolu-

tionary War; wreath laying. Sponsored by Western Reserve Society, OHSSAR.

August 17 - Walloomsac, NY: Battle of Bennington Celebration at Bennington Battlefield Historic Site.

August 31 - Groton, CT, Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park: Battle re-enactments, wreath laying. CTSSAR participants.

September 15/16: Re-enactment Battle of Brandywine. SAR participants.

September 21 Saratoga National Historical Park, NY: 2:00pm. DAR Monument. Annual celebration; wreath laying. Sponsored by Saratoga Battle Chapter, ESSAR.

September 16 - Valley Forge, PA: 2:00pm. Washington Memorial Chapel. Pennsylvania Day Memorial Service. Sponsored by PASSAR, DAR and C.A.R.

September 20/21: Dedication of Paoli Battlefield. SAR participants.

October 3, 4, 5 - Germantown, PA: 11:00am-3:00pm. Re-enactment of Battle of Germantown. SAR participants.

October 5 - Point Pleasant, WV (Battle Monument State Park): 2:00pm. Annual Commemorative Service for Virginia Militiamen. Wreath laying. Sponsored by Point Pleasant Chapter, WVSSAR.

October 7 - Kings Mountain National Military Park, SC: 3:00pm - Overmountain Men Victory Celebration. Wreath laying. Sponsored by Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSSAR.

October 19 - Yorktown, VA: Yorktown Victory Day Celebration: 10:00am. Wreath laying, tomb of Thomas Nelson, Jr., sponsored by VASSAR 11:00am. Parade.

October 20 - Alexandria, VA: 2:00pm. Old Presbyterian Meeting House. Tomb of the Rev War Unknown; Sponsored by George Washington Chapter, VASSAR.

October 24 - Annapolis, MD: 4:00pm. French Monument on campus, St. John's College. Wreath laying honoring French at Yorktown. Sponsored by SR. SAR participants.

November 3 - Annapolis, MD: 1:00pm. Chapel, US Naval Academy. Massing of the Colors. SAR participants.

November 11 - Wilmington, DE: 11:00am. Delaware Memorial Bridge and Delaware Veterans' Cem. Wreath laying. SAR participants.

December 11 - Gunston Hall (near Alexandria, VA): 12:00noon. Wreath laying commemorating George Mason's birthday. Sponsored by George Mason Chapter, VASSAR.

December 14 - Great Cane Break Battlefield (near Simpsonville, SC): Celebration sponsored by SCSSAR and DAR.

December 19 - Valley Forge National Park, PA: 6:00pm. Annual "Walk In" commemorates Washington's Army entry into Valley Forge. SAR participants.

December 25 - Washington Crossing, State Parks, PA/NJ: 11:00am. Commemoration and re-enactment of Washington's Army crossing the Delaware. Sponsored by Washington Square Foundation. SAR participants.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NATIONAL



PRESIDENT GENERAL – Raymond G. Musgrave

Compatriot Musgrave has been a dedicated member for a number of years at the Chapter, State Society and National levels, currently holding the position of Secretary General. His experience also encompasses being Chancellor General for two terms and a member of the Executive Committee for three terms. A West Virginia Society Compatriot, he has served as President of that state's Society, President of the Point Pleasant Chapter and Vice-President General for the Central District. He has been a member of several National Committees, (some as Chairman), including Legal Advisory, Ethics, Charitable Remainder Trust, Long Range Planning, Task Force to Preserve U.S. History, Museum Board, Building, Historic Celebrations and Congressional and Governmental Relations. Among awards bestowed upon him are the following: Minuteman, Patriot, Meritorious Service, Liberty and Color Guard. He is a practicing attorney.



SECRETARY GENERAL – Henry N. McCarl

Compatriot McCarl is completing a term as Treasurer General and has served on the Executive Committee for two terms. A Life Member of the SAR, he is a Past President and Past National Trustee of the Alabama Society and was President of the Birmingham Chapter. He has served on a variety of Committees, including GWEF Board, Finance, Budget and Long Range Planning.



REGISTRAR GENERAL – Charles F. Bragg

Compatriot Bragg is a Past President and Past National Trustee of the Indiana Society and a Past Vice-President General for the Central District. He currently is serving as Chairman of the Membership Committee and Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee responsible for seeking contributions to construct the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.



TREASURER GENERAL – Roland G. Downing

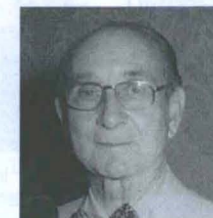
Compatriot Downing is completing a term as Registrar General. A leader in the Census Project, he is a Past Historian General and VPG for the Mid-Atlantic District. His Committee memberships include Executive, Finance and History. Additionally, he was Chairman of the Task Force to Preserve U.S. History. He is a retired Navy Captain and retired DuPont executive.



CHANCELLOR GENERAL – Nathan E. White, Jr.

Compatriot White is a Past President of the Texas Society and is currently National Trustee. He is a member of the Executive Committee as well as these National Committees: Finance, Merchandise, Legal Advisory, Americanism and Internal Audit. A holder of the Patriot Medal, he is an attorney and now serves as a State District Judge.

OFFICER SELECTIONS FOR 2003-04



HISTORIAN GENERAL – Jack J. Early, Ed.D., D.D.

Compatriot Early has served as Chaplain General for two terms, Vice-President General for the Central District and National Trustee and President of the Kentucky Society. He is currently Chairman of the Capital Development and Master of Ceremonies Committees. He holds several Medals, including Minuteman and Patriot.



LIBRARIAN GENERAL – Richard S. Austin

Compatriot Austin is completing a first term in this position. Now Chairman of the Handbook Committee, he is or has been a member of these Committees: Membership, Library, History, Fire Safety Commendation, Information Technology and Medals and Awards. He has served as National Trustee and President of the Virginia Society.



GENEALOGIST GENERAL – William B. Neal

Compatriot Neal is completing a second term in this position and as Vice Chairman of the Genealogy Committee. He has served as National Trustee and President of the Delaware Society. He was awarded the Florence Kendall Medal for three years in recognition of his having been the first-line signer for the largest number of new members.



SURGEON GENERAL – Dexter Conley Nettles, M.D.

Compatriot Nettles is now completing a first term in this position and as Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee. He has served as the President of the Mississippi Society and is currently National Trustee. A doctoral graduate of the University of Mississippi, he is a retired anesthesiologist.



CHAPLAIN GENERAL – H. Leroy Stewart

Compatriot Stewart serves as Chaplain of two South Carolina Chapters in which he maintains membership: Col. Robert Anderson and General Andrew Pickens. Endorsed by the Chaplains Committee for this position, he has been a member of that group since 2000. A graduate of Southeastern Theological Seminary, he is a retired minister.

(Announcement sponsored by the nominees.)

Compatriots Travel To Louisville For Traditional Spring Meetings

The weekend of February 28-March 1 drew nearly 160 Compatriots to Louisville for the traditional meetings of Committees and the National Trustees – plus a large number of guests. Included were General Officers, Former Presidents General, State Society representatives and Committee Chairmen and members. To handle this extensive gathering, facilities were utilized at National Headquarters, Spalding University a short distance from HQ, and the Patriot House, a former home that came along with property acquired as part of a large parcel upon which the proposed Center for Advancing America's Heritage will be built.

Reports Dominate Business Session

The March 1st business session was launched by the report of President General B. Rice Aston, who served as presiding offi-



Presiding over the Trustees Meeting was President General B. Rice Aston.

cer. He covered a number of items, including the hiring of James N. Randall as the new Executive Director; the trip he led to France to mark the 225th anniversary of the Signing of the 1778 Treaty of Alliance, as reported elsewhere in this issue of the magazine; the status of the fund raising campaign for the proposed Center for Advancing America's Heritage, including a \$2-million contribution from Massachusetts Society Compatriot Robert W. Proctor and \$50,000 from a Louisville Bank (a special report on this subject appears elsewhere); and a large new sign on the property where the Center will be built.

Former President General James R. Westlake, Chairman of the Minuteman Committee, reported that the following Compatriots will be awarded the coveted Minuteman Medal at the Annual Congress scheduled for Chicago this summer: Charles F. Bragg INSSAR; Edward Overton Cailleteau, LASSAR; T. Fisher Craft, GA-SSAR; Roland G. Downing, DESSAR; Phil

Rod Hildreth, ALSSAR; and Bruce A. Wilcox, MDSSAR.

Former President General Larry D. McClanahan, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that the following candidates have been endorsed by the Committee for National Offices for the year 2003-2004: President General, Raymond G. Musgrave, WVSSAR; Secretary General, Henry N. McCarl, MASSAR; Treasurer General, Roland G. Downing, DESSAR; Registrar General, Charles F. Bragg, INSSAR; Chancellor General, Nathan E. White, TXSSAR; Historian General, Jack J. Early, KYSSAR; Genealogist General, William B. Neal, DESSAR; Librarian General, Richard S. Austin, VASSAR; Surgeon General, Dexter Nettles, MSSAR; and Chaplain General, Homer Leroy Stewart, SCSSAR. The election for the officer slate will be held at the Annual Congress in Chicago.

Former President General George H. Brandau, Chairman of the Presidents General Council, proposed that each PG upon completing his term of office prepare a report summarizing what took place during his term – with a maximum of 25 pages – for permanent filing at National Headquarters. He moved that the Handbook be changed to reflect this proposal. The motion was seconded and voted approval.

The SAR Foundation's nominees for its Board of Directors were announced and will be voted upon at the Annual Congress in Chicago: Former President General Howard F. Horne, Jr., DESSAR; FPG Larry D. McClanahan, TNSSAR; FPG Russell D. Page, ILSSAR; J. Phillip London, DCSSAR; Floyd L. Jernigan, Jr., KYSSAR; and Larry H. Mylnechuk, ORSSAR. Foundation Bylaws call for the President General, Secretary General and Treasurer General to be Directors; while the Chancellor General serves in an advisory capacity.



Reporting on pertinent actions of the Executive Committee was Secretary General Raymond G. Musgrave.



Under the chairmanship of Dr. Raymond A. Clapsadle (end of table), the Information Technology Committee held its regular meeting. It was reported that **SARtalk** has continued to generate broad and general content in addition to communicating national news and organizational information that needs to be distributed quickly. A proposed change in the structure to provide this service as a general forum and establish a monitored list server for a restricted topics forum have been pursued and arrangements with the new service provider are being pursued.

Changes In Bylaws Proposed

Two proposals to change the Bylaws were discussed and approved for consideration by delegates to the 113th Annual Congress in July, as introduced by Edward Overton Cailleteau, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee:

- The first deals with Bylaw No. 19. Section 6. Paragraph 1 would be amended to read as follows: "The annual dues for each member, as fixed by the Annual Congress of the National Society, shall be paid to the Treasurer General not later than January 1 of the year for which dues are being paid and must have been paid by the State Society with which the member is affiliated, in order for such State Society to secure representation for each such member in the Annual Congress of the National Society. Any change in National Society dues shall take effect on the January 1 following the Congress at which the change was adopted."

Paragraph 2 of Bylaw No. 19, Section 6 would be amended to read as follows: "In computing the amount of dues to be paid by the State Society for any year, all members of such State Society, as shown by the records of the National Society, shall be counted, whose names have not, prior to January 31 of each year, been certified to the National Society to have been removed from the membership roster of such State Society."

- The second proposal deals with Bylaw No. 18, Section 1, Section (a). This would be amended by deleting Paragraphs 2 and 3 in their entirety.

Several Resolutions Approved

Charles W. Britton, Vice-Chairman Resolutions of the Legal Advisory Committee, introduced these Resolutions, which were favorably voted by the Trustees.

- That the National Society supports the "225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemoration Act" and wants to be a participant in its activities which are to continue through 2008. This program, if enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, will establish within the National Park Service, the authority for coordinating, connecting and facilitating Federal and non-Federal activities to commemorate, honor and interpret the history of the American Revolution, its significance and its relevance to the shape and spirit of American government and society. Through the Secretary of State the participation of the governments of the United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands, Spain and Canada will be sought.

- That the Board of Trustees of the National Society salutes efforts of the Black



James R. Westlake, Chairman of the Minuteman Committee, revealed the names of six Compatriots who will be awarded the Minuteman Medal during the upcoming 113th Annual Congress in Chicago.

Patriots Foundation to build The Black Revolutionary War Patriots Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC and commend them to all patriotic Americans.

- That the Board of Trustees of the National Society oppose the endorsement of the Earth Charter (being circulated by the Earth Charter USA Campaign) by any branch of the government of the United States of America, any of its States or any political subdivisions thereof, and that State Societies and Chapters oppose the Charter, by Resolution, and circulate copies to members of their respective Congressional Delegations, their Governors and members of the legislatures of their respective states and elected officials of political subdivisions in which their respective Chapters may be located.

- That the National Society endorses "The Little Patriots," their devoted teacher and leader (Compatriot) Greg Bozarth, and the Christian Fellowship Church and its American Heritage Program and commend them to all Americans.



California Society Compatriot Garrett F. Jackson (seated) is responsible for entering editorial materials from **The SAR Magazine** into the National Society's web site, including such regular features as historical articles; the series titled "Ethnic Heritage of the Revolutionary War"; and the series titled "The Religious Faith of Our Founding Fathers." Observing the latest update at the time of the Trustees Meeting was Editor Winston C. Williams.

2009 Annual Congress In Atlanta

Georgia Society Alternate National Trustee, Larry T. Guzy proposed that the 119th Annual Congress be staged in Atlanta July 4-8, 2009. He pointed out that the Headquarters would be the Renaissance Waverly Hotel at a room rate of \$99. His presentation also encompassed details on what Atlanta has to offer in sightseeing, fine dining, shopping and facilities for genealogical research. The Trustees approved his proposal.

Added Reports

Every Committee Chairman had submitted his report that was then bound with oth-



Secretary General Raymond G. Musgrave (far end of table, center) chaired an important meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee.

ers for distribution to those attending the meeting. Here are pertinent points of interest to the general membership.

Registrar General Roland G. Downing stated that the National Society's total membership at year-end was 27,743 (before drops), which was 414 members more than at the end of 2002. This is a record high. As of February of 2003 the Census Project has delivered 2,000 qualified SAR prospects from the National Project Database to the local Chapters for recruiting. Over 2,000 more prospects are in the pipeline.

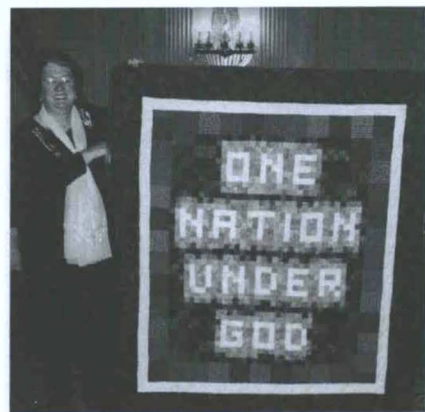
Dr. Ralph D. Nelson, Jr., P.E., Chairman of the International Development Council, reported that the Census Project has produced 16 prospects outside the United States. These are being contacted by NSSAR



Chairman Timothy R. Bennett reported on activities of the Congressional and Government Relations Committee, which he serves as Chairman.

Ambassadors. At the end of January, the Ambassadors were working with 29 prospects in Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Sweden and the Virgin Islands. The NSSAR web site has contact information and descriptions of the Societies outside this country.

Rod Hildreth, Chairman of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Committee, reported that prizes for the 2003 contest have been set at: First, \$4,000; Second, \$3,000; Third, \$2,000; Fourth, Fifth and Sixth, \$300; all other contestants at the Congress, \$200. Compatriot Hildreth emphasizes that it is the responsibility of the State Societies and Chapters to insure that content of the orations is historically accurate.



As has been reported in the news columns of our magazine, the National Ladies Auxiliary has been formed – with a major objective of raising funds for the proposed Center for Advancing America's Heritage and other National Society projects. Instrumental in furthering this move has been Linda Moran, the wife of California Compatriot Donald N. Moran. She is shown here at the time of the Trustees Meeting displaying a patriotic quilt emblazoned with the phrase "One Nation Under God." It will be raffled off at the Annual Congress set for Chicago this coming summer. At the time of the Trustees Meeting, over \$700 in raffle tickets had been sold. Another feature of the Congress will be a meeting of the Auxiliary that will include the election of permanent officers.

Lee Swart, Chairman of the Medals and Awards Committee, reported that to better align the NSSAR awards programs with the new NSSAR calendar year reporting cycle, most all awards presented at the Annual Congress will be based on data generated on a calendar year basis. This policy will begin with calendar year 2003 and will be effective for awards to be determined or judged for presentation at the 2004 Congress. This will result in data for the 2003 awards to overlap with the 2004 awards.

Bruce A. Wilcox, Chairman of the Special Purpose Committee, reminded SARs that the objective of this committee is to promote the collection of military service records from Compatriots who have served and to

see that these records are properly stored. The total on hand has reached over 3,400 in number. These are kept in file cabinets in the Library in acid-free folders and are available to genealogical researchers who visit the



During the traditional Friday evening banquet, the Martha Washington Medal was awarded by President General B. Rice Aston to Karin Guzy, Co-Chair of the Ladies for the SAR Library Committee and wife of Georgia Compatriot Larry T. Guzy. It was through this group's efforts that an excellent cookbook was produced titled "From Patriotic Kitchens." At the time of the Trustees Meeting, proceeds from sales of the volume had generated nearly \$17,000 – which have been pledged to fund the Abigail Adams Room in the proposed Center for Advancing America's Heritage. The total goal of this particular project is \$25,000.

Library only after the Compatriot has passed away. SAR veterans are encouraged to send in information on a special form along with a copy of his DD214. Also requested are memoirs of military service in any format desired.



The Budget, Finance and Investment Committees held a joint meeting. One of the highlights was the receiving of reports on the financial condition of the National Society from representatives of PNC Advisors (near end of table), an organization comprised of a number of companies of the PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.



Chairing a meeting of the Merchandise Committee was Floyd L. Jernigan (end of table). At his right was Merchandise Manager Aaron Adams.



Charles L. Lampman, Jr. reported on behalf of the History Committee.

THE RELIGIOUS FAITH OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS

A Series By Jack J. Early, Ed.D., D.D., Chaplain General

Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States, was born on April 13, 1743 at Shadwell, the family farm in Albemarle County, Virginia. He was the third child of Peter Jefferson and Jane Randolph Jefferson. His father, who had served as sheriff, colonel of the militia and member of the House of Burgesses, had a profound influence on his son.

Jefferson was 14 years old when his father died, and as the oldest son, he became head of the family. He inherited Shadwell with more than 2,500 acres of land. His guardian, John Harvey, managed the estate.

After completing his studies in Latin, Greek and French, he entered the school of Reverend James Maury, near Charlottesville. In 1760 when he was 16, Jefferson entered the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg. Here Jefferson met the two men, Dr. William Small, professor of mathematics at the college, and Judge George Wythe, who influenced his thinking about man and God. There were many evenings that he, Small and Wythe met with Governor Francis Fauquier at the governor's mansion to discuss issues of the day.

He left college at nineteen and spent the next five years studying law with Judge Wythe. Following his admission to practice law, he was immediately successful with 68 cases in his first year. From 1769 to 1774, he had served every year as burgess, together with George Washington. In 1774 he was elected to the Convention to plan the union of the colonies, and sent a series of resolutions. They were printed in a pamphlet entitled *A Summary View of the Rights of America*.

During his period of law practice at Williamsburg, he was a legal associate of John Waylis, whose lovely daughter, a young widow Martha Skelton, and he developed a warm, tender, love relationship. On New Year's Day 1772, Thomas Jefferson, at the age of 29, and Martha Skelton were married.

Thomas Jefferson was chosen an alternate delegate to the second Continental Congress, 1775. Since the delegate could not attend, Jefferson was sent to the Congress. In May 1776, the Virginia Assembly passed resolutions of independence and a copy of them was sent to the Continental Congress by Richard Henry Lee. After extended debate on the Virginia resolutions, the Congress approved the resolutions. As a

member of the Committee to prepare the Declaration, Jefferson was asked by the other members of the Committee to draft it. He spent eighteen days at the task and after sometimes bitter debate and a few minor changes, the Declaration of Independence was signed by the delegates on July 4, 1776. It was read publicly in Independence Square, Philadelphia, at noon on July 8th.

All evidence and research indicates that Jefferson never questioned the existence of God. His most famous work, the Declaration of Independence, contains many references to God:

"...the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them..."

"...All Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights..."

"...appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions..."

"...with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence..."

In October 1776, Jefferson was appointed with Benjamin Franklin and Silas Deane as Commissioner to go to France and seek to bring France in on the American side. Because of his wife's illness, Jefferson declined the appointment and went home to Virginia where he was elected a member of the Virginia Legislature. He was selected to head the Committee to revise the Virginia Statutes. He provided leadership in changing the Virginia laws on religion. Virginia, largely settled by British aristocrats, had taken over the established Church of England. All persons, whatever their faith, were compelled to pay tithes to the established Church. Baptists, Methodists, Quakers, Presbyterians were forbidden to teach school or hold religious services on penalty of arrest and fine. It was a felony to deny the doctrine of the Trinity.

The fight lasted for ten years. It was also James Madison who helped pass the Statute on Religious Freedom: *"Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly, that no man shall be compelled to frequent or attend any religious worship, place or ministry whatsoever...but that men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of religion..."* Obviously this Statute on Religious Freedom did not set well with the lead-

ers of the established Church.

Thomas Jefferson rejected the deist belief that God created the universe, established certain scientific principles and laws by which the universe operates and takes no active role in the affairs of mankind. In a letter to John Adams on April 11, 1823, he said that he believed that God was the Sustainer as well as the Creator of the universe. The universe required the superintending and guiding power of Providence.

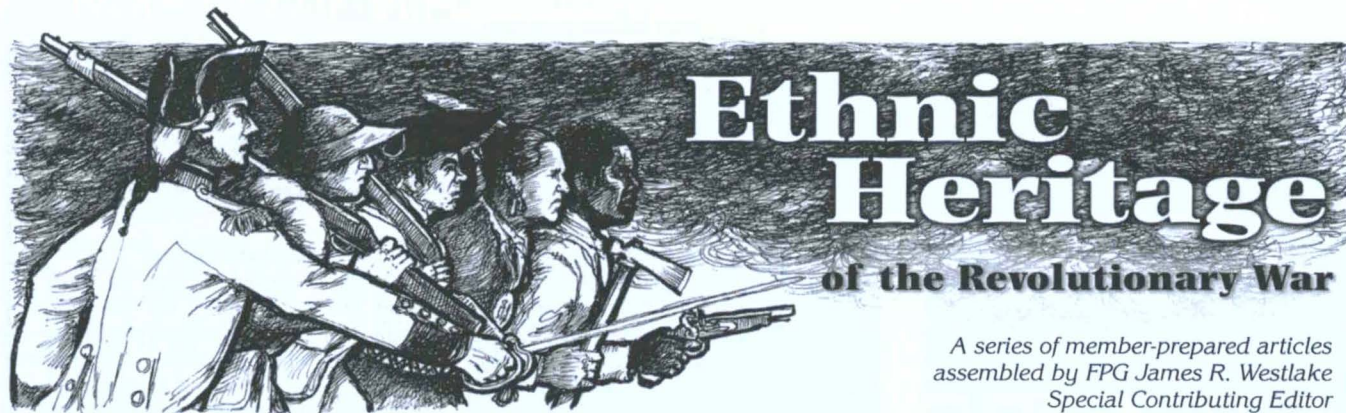
Jefferson's reason compelled him to reject the Trinity. However, he said of Jesus, "His system of morality was the most benevolent and sublime probably that has been ever taught, and consequently more perfect than those of any of the ancient philosophers...(He was) the most innocent, the most benevolent, the most eloquent and sublime character that has been exhibited to man."

Jefferson insisted that he was not an enemy of the Church, only of religious intolerance. He wrote his friend, Dr. Benjamin Rush, that he had sworn on the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man. Shortly after becoming President of the United States, he wrote to Moses Robinson, *"The Christian religion, when divested of the rags in which (the clergy) have enveloped (sic) it, is a religion of all altars friendly to liberty, science and freest expression of the human mind."*

He believed in immortality and in a final judgement. In a letter to Thomas Jefferson Smith, son of a friend, he wrote, *"Adore God. Reverence and cherish your parents. Love your neighbor as yourself. Be just. Be true. Mourn not at the warp of Providence. So shall the life into which you have entered be the Portal to one of eternal and ineffable bliss."*

In a letter to Charles Thomson on January 9, 1815, Jefferson declared, *"...I am a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus, very different from the Platonists..."* Jefferson believed religion was a private matter between a man and his God.

One of the important contributions of Jefferson was in the field of education. Through his efforts the University of Virginia was created and he became its first Rector (President). But his strength was failing, and he died on July 4, 1826, just 50 years after the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.



Ethnic Heritage of the Revolutionary War

A series of member-prepared articles
assembled by FPG James R. Westlake
Special Contributing Editor

The Hungarians/ By Larry T. Guzy Georgia Society

Imagine living on a plot of land but not being able to own it. You raise crops and turn over most of the results to the owner for the privilege of living there, but you cannot leave unless the owner gives you permission! This was the feudal system that existed in the Hapsburg Dynasty of Austria in Slovakia and most of Hungary until 1848. Slovakia was never a country unto itself until the 1990s except for one brief period when it joined with its neighbor, Moravia in 830 to form a temporary Greater Moravia. Since the 10th century Slovakia was part of Hungary; thus any mention of the people from there would be as Hungarian or Austrian. The people of the Slovak regions were identified by the language they spoke at home, thus preserving their ethnicity.

Religious freedom was discouraged. The vast majority of both peoples were Roman Catholic as a result of the Holy Roman Empire's counter-reformation in the 17th century. Most Slovaks adopted Lutheranism shortly after Martin Luther criticized the Roman Catholic doctrine in the 16th century, but the Catholic Church's effort to recapture the hearts of the people worked. To this day the majority of these Slavic people are Roman Catholic.

In Hungary, military service was at the will of the Nobles and could start at age 17, lasting for up to 14 years. It was a lifetime obligation and any veteran could be recalled to active duty for life. As a result, with serfdom and isolation, it is little wonder that few of the Slavic people of Hungary and Slovakia even heard about the American Revolution, much less participated. A little historical background of Europe will explain why some nobles took part and why their light cavalry units, "hussars", were sought and respected.

Well Versed In Waging War

These people were well versed in the art of war. The nomadic light cavalry, "hussars", of the Hungarian tribes fought as mercenaries, or allies of surrounding countries. Foreign rulers hired the hussar generals and soldiers to organize and train their own armies as well as using their units of hussars. Traditional warfare employed set lines with "heavy cavalry" that were just part of the set force. The nomadic tribes could not com-



This old engraving depicts the surrender of British forces following the Battle of Yorktown. A French officer - dressed in the uniform of a "hussar" - appears to be pointing out George Washington to someone meant to be Cornwallis. In reality, Cornwallis sent Thomas O'Hara to hand over the ceremonial sword to indicate surrender to the Patriot General.

pete in this type warfare and as a result, they developed a method of quick strikes on the flanks of their enemies that was totally unexpected.

The War of Austrian Succession occurred between Empress Maria Theresa of the Hapsburgs and Frederick Wilhelm II "The Great" of Prussia in the 1750s. This is also known as the Seven Years War, 1756-1763. Prussia and England defeated France, Austria, Russia, Sweden and Saxony. Prior to this war, Frederick Wilhelm II recognized the worth of

these hussars over his own heavy cavalry and recruited a great many hussar officers to serve in his army. They were characterized by extreme pride, integrity and a sense of justice and dignity. They were used for attacking the enemy flanks and rear in surprise maneuvers and for reconnaissance duty. Frederick the Great learned a lesson from hussar units of Maria Theresa in 1757 when a 100 hussar unit won the battle of Kolin, and four months later raided Frederick's capital and collected tribute from the burghers of Berlin, returning to their own lines unopposed. The reputation and experience of these hussar units during this time made them very much in demand, sending them throughout Europe, especially Prussia and France. Somehow these units fought on both sides in wars, but did not fight directly against each other.

Helped Found U.S. Cavalry

In the book, "A Thousand Years of the Hungarian Art of War" a Nobleman, Col. Michael de Kovats, 1724-1779, is noted. Because the people of Hungary wrote Latin as their official language in the 18th century, their names seem easier for us than they do now, and their skill at communication was made much easier. Col. Kovats is a founding father of the US Cavalry. He was born in Karcag, Hungary and was an officer in the Hungarian Army under Empress Maria Theresa and as Captain in the Prussian Cavalry under Frederick the Great. Many Nobles made their way to France and Michael Kovats heard of the American uprising as a result of Ambassador to France, Benjamin Franklin. In a letter to Benjamin Franklin in 1777, Michael Kovats said, "Golden freedom cannot be purchased with yellow gold." and offered

his sword. The Continental Congress made him Colonel-Commander of the Pulaski Legion. He recruited, trained, organized, and led the first American Cavalry into battle. He died at Charleston, SC 11 May 1779, the first Hungarian to give his life for American freedom. The British military experts considered his Hungarian-style light cavalry "The best cavalry the rebels ever had." He is memorialized with monuments in Washington, DC and at Charleston's famous school, The Citadel.

Casimir Pulaski (1748-1779) died at the Battle of Savannah in 1779 supposedly in the hands of his friend, French General Count Matus Moric Benovsky. "Maurice" Benovsky (1746-1786) was a nobleman from Hungary of Slovak origin. He may be the most picturesque Slovak in the American Revolution. Benovsky began his career in the military in the Seven Years War. He had to leave Hungary due to his attitude toward authority, and at 22, he joined the Polish Confederation to fight for Polish independence from Russia. It was here that he first met Casimir Pulaski. He was captured by the Russians in 1770 and sent into exile to East Siberia. He escaped, rallied his fellow prisoners, and captured the fort of the local governor and the heart of his daughter. He captured a Russian man-of-war and sailed on a voyage of discovery through the Pacific and visited Madagascar before his arrival in France in 1772. The local tribes of Madagascar, on his later return, declared him their Emperor in 1776!

When Benovsky returned to France, he learned of his promotion to General of the Polish Confederation, and his international fame. He had close contact with King Louis XV of France. It was at his suggestion to the King that a French colony was founded in Madagascar. He spent the years from 1774 to 1776 establishing the French presence on the island and unifying the local tribes. In 1776 he was promoted



to French General, but due to disagreements with Paris, he returned to Austria instead of France after obtaining a pardon from Empress Maria Theresa for his actions that caused him to leave in the first place. She bestowed upon him the title of Count.

Became Friend of Franklin

Benovsky became a close friend of Benjamin Franklin in Paris, and in 1779 followed Casimir Pulaski to America, offering his services to the American Revolution. In 1781, he offered to assist the cause with a recruiting project in Europe, but this never came to happen. After the War, he left his wife, Zuzana Honschova, in Baltimore where she remained till her death in 1815. He left Baltimore in 1784 for Madagascar where he hoped to establish the island as an American colony. He died there in 1786.

Benovsky's brother, Francis, was an adjutant of another Slovak Patriot, Major Jan (John) Polerecky. The Polerecky family was exiled to France after Jan's grandfather had participated in a revolt against the Hapsburgs. Jan's father became a leader of a cavalry unit of the French, "hussars", and Jan joined him as a Major in that unit. Polerecky was a member of the French expeditionary force led by Rochambeau. His command of the light cavalry placed him in the position as the head of the 300 "Blue Hussars", to supervise the British surrender of weapons at Yorktown. The Hussars, Volontaires Etrangeres de la Marine, were commanded by Duc de Lauzun, and were the only French mounted cavalry sent to America. They carried out reconnaissance and patrol duties while the French army was marching south to Williamsburg. They then took part in the fighting at Gloucester Point, opposite Yorktown. After the War, John Polerecky settled in Dresden, Maine and became a farmer and served in a number of public positions till his death in 1830.

Compatriot Larry T. Guzy is a Past President of the Georgia Society, Past President of the Piedmont Chapter and Founding President of the Captain John Collins Chapter, both of the Georgia Society. He is currently Alternate National Trustee of that Society. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri. His father Robert J. was three-quarters Slovakian and one-quarter Polish. Robert's maternal grandmother was Mary Husarik, probably a form of "hussar."

A statement was found that there were 141 Hungarians who fought under the American flag, not including those who enlisted in the French Military. Further research is necessary to identify who those might be. These plus the 300 "Blue Hussars" bring to over 400 the number of Hungarians and Slovaks who fought in the American Revolution.

Imagine having roots in the European feudal system, fighting and winning a war for freedom and then returning home. No wonder the French Revolution followed shortly and the Hungarian Revolution followed in 1848.

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Black-and-white, glossy photographs are preferred. However, color photos are acceptable if they are of good quality, especially in contrast. They will be returned upon request if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Individual Compatriots are encouraged to submit ideas for historical feature articles they would like to write. Each will be given careful consideration.

ALABAMA SOCIETY



The City of Dothan was selected as the site of the Society's State Convention in late February. **LEFT:** A ribbon worn by successive holders of the office of President was placed about the neck of J. Kerry Barksdale by outgoing President John R. Wallace, who is now National Trustee-Elect. **RIGHT:** The honored guest was Registrar General Roland G. Downing (center) who served as the principal speaker and gave the oath of office to the newly elected officers. This photo depicts his receiving a gift from President Wallace. Seated next to the pair was Mrs. Downing.



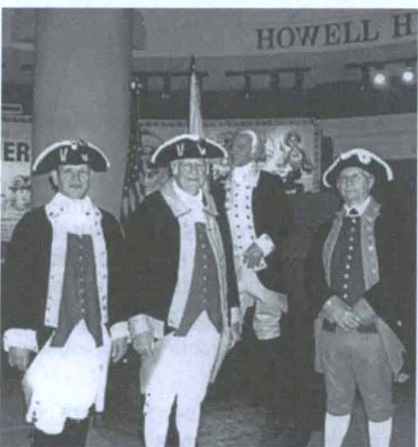
Print-sized patriots re-enacted the Boston Tea Party during December for members of the **Little River Chapter** as well as DARs. Members of the Willis Valley Society of the C.A.R. dressed in period clothing, portrayed the Sons of Liberty, and re-enacted events that originally took place on December 16, 1773. Among the attendees were State Secretary Jim Maples, his wife, State Treasurer Jim Alexander, and **Tennessee Valley Chapter** Secretary Mark Alexander.



Society President John R. Wallace, (left) places a Chapter President's ribbon around the neck of Bruce H. Taylor, after swearing in Taylor to serve as the **Wiregrass Chapter** 2003 President. Taylor served as Chairman for the Society's February 2003 State Convention held in Dothan.



Eagle Scout Mark DeRamus of Huntsville, winner of the 2002-2003 Society Eagle Scout Contest, received his award in February at the Society's State Convention. From left are: State Awards Chairman Lee Swart, Compatriot John Wallace, and award recipient Mark DeRamus. Mark, who previously won the **Tennessee Valley Chapter** contest, was the Chapter's first state winner.



From left: Compatriots Jim Alexander, Hoyt Smith and Jim Maple pose in front of George Washington at the opening of the Early Works Children's Museum's new exhibit "Patriots and Presidents," held February 15. Located in the rotunda of the museum, the exhibit's centerpiece is a life size mannequin of President George Washington in a Revolutionary War uniform. The exhibit features people and events through U.S. history. Compatriots attended an opening ceremony and greeted attendees as they arrived.



Compatriot Hoyt Smith of the **Tennessee Valley Chapter** discussed the life and hardships of a Revolutionary War Soldier during a presentation to the fifth graders at Westminster Christian Academy and a group of home-schooled students. Corresponding to their study of the American Revolution, the children learned about everything from uniforms to weapons, and observed a demonstration on how to load and fire a Brown Bess musket rifle.

Etowah Chapter President Clarence W. Dauge III presented Michael Ray Copeland and his son Jonathan with the Heroism Medal in December. The father and son were awarded the medal for their bravery in risking their lives while rescuing an injured individual from an overturned and burning vehicle.



The **Tennessee Valley Chapter** held its annual civic awards ceremony recently to recognize citizens of Huntsville and Madison County for their service to the community. Pictured is Compatriot Jim Alexander (left) presenting former Fire Chief Harold Jones with the Fire Safety Commendation Award for his years of service to the Monrovia Volunteer Fire Department. Another highlight of the ceremony was awarding of the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Bill Wahlheim for his dedication to his country, having served for 37 years with the Army both in the military and as a civilian. He has also been actively involved in community and church activities, and has been an effective business leader.



Official presentation of a Charter for the newly organized **Cheaha Chapter** took place during a program in mid-January. Arthur F. Gates (left), Chapter President, received the Charter from John R. Wallace (center), ALSSAR President, as former National Trustee O. Lee Swart (right), looked on. Wallace also installed the Chapter's slate of new officers. In addition to 44 Charter Members, there were 13 Youth Registrants.



Members of the **Wiregrass Chapter** dedicated a marker in February at the grave of Revolutionary War Patriot William Carter, in the Carter Cemetery in Covington County. Forty-six people attended; more than 20 were descendants of the Patriot. Mrs. Nancy Brunson, a great (4) granddaughter and Chapter President Bruce Taylor (shown in costume) unveiled the marker as descendants looked on. Mrs. Brunson was the main speaker for the event.

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY

Compatriots from the **Thomas Jefferson Chapter** were fascinated by a lecture given by guest speaker Wayne McClusky, a volunteer docent at the **SS Jeremiah O'Brien**, when the Chapter met in November at Alameda. The ship, built in 1943, was named after Revolutionary War hero Jeremiah O'Brien, who was a lumberjack along with his brothers in the Maine Territory, which belonged to Massachusetts at the time. Patriot O'Brien was involved in the first naval battle of the Revolutionary War. The **SS Jeremiah O'Brien** took part in the Normandy Invasion and was the last ship to leave Mare Island when the base closed.



During the December meeting of the **Orange County Chapter**, several awards were given, including the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, which President Lou Carlson presented to Wade Shannon.

CONNECTICUT SOCIETY



Compatriot Howard Greene Sr., (left), Co-Chairman of the Law Enforcement Awards Committee for the **General David Humphreys Branch No. 1**, presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Officer Theodore Stockmon of the North Haven Police Department, during the Chapter's March meeting. Officer Stockmon is one of the most decorated officers in his department.



The **General Israel Putnam Branch** presented its Eighth Annual American Revolutionary War Exhibit and Muster Day at the Old State House in Hartford in February. Pictured were (from left), Eugene S. Clauss, Vice-President General for the New England District, and Hans E. Jackson, NHSSAR President. The event, held in celebration of George Washington's birthday, showcased numerous living history units, displays and exhibits on the American Revolution, including musket and cannon firing demonstrations. Compatriot authors William Clotworthy, who spoke on "George Washington in the West," and Keith Jones were special guests this year.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOCIETY

Historian Jack D. Warren, Jr., was the speaker for a celebration of George Washington's Birthday, hosted by the Society in February. Society Compatriots, along with many DARs and C.A.R.'s gathered in Arlington to commemorate

FLORIDA SOCIETY

Scout Leader Lisa Vaughn received the Heroism Medal from the **St. Lucie River Chapter** at a recent meeting. She was recognized for her bravery in saving the life of a Cub Scout who was attacked by a swarm of yellow jackets. She suffered over 100



When the **Jacksonville Chapter** gathered for its January dinner meeting, U.S. Coast Guard Lieutenant Tracy Cooper, a Homeland Security Officer, was the speaker. Lt. Cooper is responsible for five ports, from Brunswick, Georgia, to Port Canaveral, Florida. She coordinates efforts

Washington's 271st birthday. He has authored several books on Washington and the American Revolution, and is a former faculty member of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville.

stings during the incident. Then on the 11th of September, three members in uniform attended the Memorial Service at the Hospital. That evening they were also on hand for a similar service at the St. Lucie County Civic Center in Ft. Pierce.

The Sailfish Club in Palm Beach was the setting for the December **Palm Beach Chapter Meeting**. The Chapter installed its 2003 slate of officers. The installation ceremony was conducted by Phillip B. Carr, Past President of the Society. Sworn in as Chapter President was Gerald E. Meeks (far right).

between governmental agencies and commercial industry to ensure the security of waterborne traffic and facilities at the five ports. She focuses on terrorism prevention as well as response efforts in the event of a disaster.

DAKOTA SOCIETY



How about that Patriot Pride! The Dakota Society entered a float in the Spearfish, South Dakota "Back to America" parade. Greeting the crowd in their Continental uniforms were Compatriots Joel White, Dennis Lorensen, Charles Childs and Keith Johnson.

GEORGIA SOCIETY



Compatriot Bill Paden (right) adds a couple of spikes to the antlers of stand-in reindeer Compatriot Dr. T. Fisher Craft, who amused the Compatriots with reindeer facts, foibles and fantasies at the **Atlanta Chapter** December meeting.



At its January meeting, the **Marquis de Lafayette Chapter** honored two local public safety officers for their dedication to safety and contributions to the community. From left were: Harold Harrison, Chapter Chairman of the Public Safety Committee; Officer Robert Mask, who received a Law Enforcement Commendation Certificate; Firefighter Mark Johnson, holding his Fire Safety Commendation Certificate.



In keeping with its annual tradition of decorating Revolutionary War graves in Columbus for the holidays, the **Coweta Falls Chapter** adorned four graves with spruce wreaths, bows and sprays of holly and mistletoe. President Billy Thompson (left) and graves Chairman Robert Galer took part in the event. The Columbus Chapter also marked graves, including those of Samuel Cooper and Captain Philemon Hodges, at the Shiloh Church Cemetery. Hodges and Cooper served with Continental troops and militia of South Carolina before obtaining land grants in Georgia.

A stimulating slide-accompanied lecture covering the history of the B-29 bomber highlighted a well-attended December meeting of the **Atlanta Chapter**. Bill Paden, retired Chief Engineer of Lockheed's C-141, discussed the B-29 including its most famous mission to Hiroshima. Mr. Paden was instrumental in efforts to restore a B-29 that is now displayed at the entrance to Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta. That particular plane was named the "Sweet Eloise" after the mother of the pilot, Coy A. Short, who was also in attendance at the event.



Compatriots Jeff Lowe (back left) and Douglas Stansberry (right) of the **Marquis de Lafayette Chapter** commended fourth grade students from two Fayette County elementary schools who participated in the Chapter's poster contest.



The **Coweta Falls Chapter** had close to 120 members and guests in attendance at its Annual Christmas Banquet. President Billy Thompson (left) presented the Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Firefighter SGT. Sherry Trant, with Assistant Fire Chief Mike Hanson looking on.



From front left: Fourth grade students Kaylor Deas, Melissa Li and Tayna Sichysky along with teacher Sally Aletchas presented Compatriot George Thurmond with a welcome poster during his February visit to Summit Hill Elementary in Alpharetta. Compatriots Thurmond and Jack Ferguson of the **Piedmont Chapter** were part of a history unit on the Revolutionary War that focused on three Georgia Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

ILLINOIS SOCIETY

The **Fort Dearborn-Chicago Chapter** met at the Union League Club of Chicago in March, to learn more about the Newberry Library, an independent research library in Chicago concentrating on history and the humanities. Founded in 1887, it contains one of the foremost collections of research materials for American genealogy. Jack Simpson, Curator of the Library's Local and Family History, guided Compatriots through the steps necessary to enable researchers to efficiently maneuver the Library's 1.5 million volumes, thousands of maps, and manuscripts. This Library also boasts a world famous cartographic collection.



On Veterans Day the **Springfield Chapter** Color Guard participated in a parade held in Springfield. Later in the day, as shown in this photo, the Color Guard and Chapter members participated in memorial services held at Camp Butler National Cemetery. Over 1,000 veterans, their families, various color guards and band members attended. Front row: Compatriot and Veteran Harold Write. Back row from left: R. Garey Hodge; President Stephen Bradley, Karl Reed, and Stephen Bradley II.

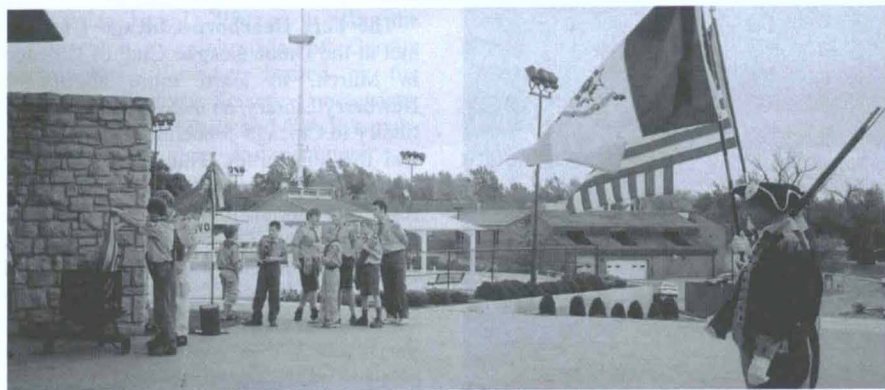
IDAHO SOCIETY

The **Old Fort Boise Chapter** celebrated George Washington's Birthday with a banquet in Boise, where several citizens were honored for their service to the community. The Honorable Judge Deborah Bail was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for her outstanding efforts as an Idaho District Court Judge. Judge Bail was a leader in the establishment of the first Boise Battered Woman's Shelter. As a former Assistant U.S. Attorney, she never lost a case. She has a 13-year-old daughter from Calcutta, India. Captain Robert Ruth of the Boise Fire Department was honored with the Fire Safety Commendation Medal. He served more than 25 years in the Department and was twice named Firefighter of the Year, as well as Idaho Firefighter of the Year in 1981.



From left were: Basanti Bail; The Honorable Judge Deborah Bail; Mrs. Teresa Ruth; Captain Robert Ruth; Chapter President Bruce Winchester; and Society President Geoffrey Thorpe.

KANSAS SOCIETY



The Society's Color Guard served at a flag retirement ceremony held by a local Boy Scout Troop in November. More than 60 old, soiled and torn American flags were properly disposed of under the auspices of the **Delaware Crossing Chapter**.

MARYLAND SOCIETY



Law enforcement officers were honored when the **John Hanson Chapter** held its Annual Meeting in November in Clinton. PFC Robert Haverly of the Prince Georges County Police Department received the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for apprehending an armed carjacker. His canine partner, Andy, was wounded in the engagement. Unfortunately, Andy was unable to attend! From left were: Mid-Atlantic District Vice-President General James McCafferty; SGT Gevonja Tyson, Officer Haverly's Supervisor; Dana Funicelli, Haverly's guest; PFC Haverly; Chapter President Douglas Stuart; and Chaplain Francis Plummer of the Prince George County Police Department.



The **John Hanson Chapter** honored the heroes of September 11, 2001 at its September meeting. From left; Chapter President Douglas B. Stuart; Mrs. Williams; Captain George Williams, recipient of the Fire Safety Commendation Medal; and Society President Ray R. Potter. Captain Williams was one of the first firefighters to respond to the attack on the Pentagon.



The Annual George Washington Luncheon held by the Society in Towson saw the Color Guard perform smartly during the opening ceremonies. Shown at the lectern was President Ray Potter. The guest speaker was Thomas Shawker, M.D. of the National Institute of Health; he spoke on medicine in the Revolutionary War.

MEXICO SOCIETY

In January, Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr., Society President, and his wife, Robin, presented a large wreath of flowers to the cathedral in Malaga, Spain. The circular wreath was 45 inches in diameter, with a band of red, white and blue carnations trimmed with white gladiolas. Accepting the wreath was Dr. Francisco Garcia Meta, Dean of the Cathedral, and several members of the governing body. The presentation was made in front of the plaque on the church wall that was dedicated in 1978 by the National Society.

In his remarks, President Butler stated that "we are here today to honor the people of the City of Malaga during the time of the American Revolutionary War: the members of this church." He pointed out that 225 years ago the people of Malaga donated the money which had been set aside for construction of the south tower of the cathedral to the American colonists, to assist them in their attempt to gain independence from England. Then he reported, the women donated their silver jewelry to Galvez to buy arms and ammunition for his soldiers.

NEW JERSEY SOCIETY



Dr. Robert Hedrick (left), a retired professor of Kutztown University and Millerstown University and a distinguished scholar and well-known speaker on many literary topics in South Jersey, addressed the **South Jersey Chapter** at their January luncheon meeting with an outstanding speech on Thomas Jefferson. He is shown with John R. Gebhart, Chapter President. Dr. Hedrick spoke of Jefferson's birth and growth in Virginia; then highlighted his patriotic activity during the American Revolutionary War period; his Declaration of Independence authorship; the Louisiana Purchase; the Lewis and Clark expedition; and Jefferson's numerous contributions to engineering, farming and particularly to the political Patriot cause.

The Nassau Club in Princeton was the elegant setting for the Society's Annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon in February. This year the Society introduced



two new items into the meeting format: the dipping of the SAR flag to honor each SAR who recently died, and a Proclamation signed by Governor James E. McGreevey.

Judith Steward, Southern New Jersey District Director of the NJDAR, was presented with the Martha Washington Award by President Richard W. Sage at the Society's Annual Luncheon in February.



Librarian General of the NSDAR Charlotte Edson was the proud recipient of the Martha Washington Award, given by Richard W. Sage, President, at the Society's Annual George Washington Luncheon. Over 100 SARs, DARs, and C.A.R.'s attended.

EMPIRE STATE SOCIETY (NY)



The Oneida Indian Nation at Oneida was the March setting for presentation of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Oneida Indian Nation Police Sgt. Darryl Gillette (fourth from left) by the **Oriskany Battle Chapter**. President Burke Miller (left of Gillette) said he was "doubly proud" to present the award because of the historic ties between the Oneida Indian Nation and the United State and because Gillette is a Chapter member. Also pictured are several Revolutionary War re-enactors and Chapter officers. Gillette is descended from Patriot William Rathbun who served under Gen. Nicholas Herkimer in the Tryon County Militia. Herkimer's troops, along with several dozen Oneidas, were on their way to help the colonists at Fort Stanwix when they were ambushed by British forces at Oriskany.



The Spring House Restaurant was the site selected for the **Rochester Chapter's** celebration of George Washington's birthday on February 22. The group recognized two outstanding citizens at its meeting. Pictured is Eagle Scout Anthony Noto, who won the Eagle Scout Essay Competition, with his parents and stepfather. At far right is New York State Senator Richard A. Dollinger, who received the Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate. The Senator is a life-long resident of the Rochester area and a practicing attorney.



At one of its fall meetings held in the historic Spring House Restaurant, the **Rochester Chapter** presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Livingston County Sheriff John York (left). Doing the honors was President Stephan Clarke. The officer was recognized for his long service to the county and State of New York; he has instituted a number of noteworthy programs. In his remarks at the November affair, he explained many of the ramifications of security following the attacks of September 11, 2001.

OHIO SOCIETY

February 22nd was the date selected by the **Western Reserve Society** to stage its traditional George Washington Luncheon in Cleveland. Over 140 people were in attendance, including representatives of numerous veterans and patriotic organizations. The guest speaker was Society Compatriot Neil K. Evans, who detailed Washington's influence on Ohio history. Given special honors were Mayor Mrs. Jane Campbell and Eagle Scout Kyle Gumro.



The Society was proud to be a part of the March Statehood Day celebration in Chillicothe, the first Capital of Ohio. Ohio Governor and Compatriot Bob Taft (pictured) addressed the crowd during the March Statehood Day celebration. During the festivities Representative Bob Ney read a letter from President Compatriot George W. Bush recognizing the proud heritage of Ohioans and their contributions to our nation. Streamers, balloons and fireworks floated over the crowd of about 4,000 who gathered in front of the Ross County Courthouse. The Camp Chase Drum and Fife led the parade.



On a crisp, sunny February day, the Cincinnati Chapter Color Guard took part in a rededication and Wreath Placement Ceremony at President William Henry Harrison's tomb in North Bend.



Welcome, General Henry Knox Chapter of Mount Vernon! At the February Society Board of Management meeting, an installation ceremony was conducted for the new Chapter. From left: Society President Terry Whetstone conducted the ceremony as John Baker, Chapter President, and Steven Kelley, Secretary, were installed.

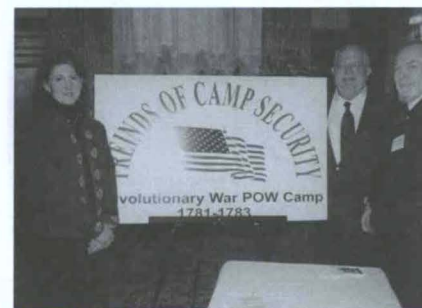


Tony Robinson, President of the St. Clair Chapter, spoke at the Chapter-sponsored wreath laying ceremony for Nathaniel Massie, the founder of Chillicothe, at Grandview Cemetery. Society President Terry Whetstone delivered the SAR Bicentennial Address.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY



In early February President General B. Rice Aston was the honored guest at the Society's Winter Board of Management Meeting at York, which was the Capital of the United States while the British occupied Philadelphia in 1777-78. As principal speaker, he stressed the need for constructing the proposed National Society Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville. **LEFT:** The PG (center) chatted with officers of the newly chartered Washington Crossing Chapter, President Doug Oberreit (left) and Secretary Ed Greenawald. **RIGHT:** The Friends of Camp Security led by President Carol Tanzola had an information booth at the meeting. Joining her were Hoover Yount and Howard Mayor, members of both the Philadelphia-Continental Chapter and the Friends. Camp Security was an American prisoner-of-war camp set up in 1781 when the British invaded Virginia, forcing the relocation of thousands of British prisoners captured in 1777 at Saratoga. After the British defeat at Yorktown, thousands more prisoners were brought there. The site is in serious danger of becoming a housing development.



At the First Annual Meeting of the new Washington Crossing Chapter, Society President Thomas Showler fastened a Chapter President's ribbon about the neck of President Douglas Oberreit. Looking on was Russell Greenspan, Chapter Founder and Immediate Past President.



The 65th Annual Holiday Gala of the DAR Jephtha Abbott Chapter was the setting when Herbert Armstrong (left), Past President of the Philadelphia-Continental Chapter, and Society President Thomas Showler were presented the prestigious DAR Community Service Award from Chapter Regent Mrs. Thomas Leonards.



When the Philadelphia-Continental Chapter marked Washington's Birthday on February 22, President General B. Rice Aston (right) was on hand to present posthumously the Heroism Medal to Louis Nacke, one of the heroes of Flight 93 on September 11, 2001. His sons accepted the award, while Society President Tom Showler observed.

RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY



The Society, working with the DAR and The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, recently completed a second phase of their project at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Exeter. This has involved installation of a bluestone connecting walkway and extensive landscaping. These photos show a portion of the events that marked the project's completion. **LEFT:** Joel P. Rawson, Senior Vice President and the Executive Editor of the Providence Journal, was featured speaker. **RIGHT:** Kentish Guards and the Varnum Continentals provided the Color Guard.



SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY



Over 3,000 flags were part of a display honoring those who died on September 11, 2001, erected by Tony Mansoor, a Backyard Burger franchise owner and manager in the Appalachian mountain town of Boone in Western North Carolina. National Trustee Ronald Horton interviewed Mr. Mansoor, who said that he was overwhelmed with comments and responses about the display and the show of patriotism.

The Colonel Thomas Taylor Chapter held a March meeting featuring keynote speakers Brigadier General Harry B. Burchstead, Jr., Deputy Adjutant General, South Carolina National Guard, and Col. John Bellinger, a veteran F-16 Fighter Pilot from the 157th Fighter Squadron, McEntire ANG Station. Their message was one of patriotism and dedication that is so evident in all of our military branches today. Also during the meeting, Compatriot Wanzer Drane reported on the Chapter's initiative in attracting JROTC cadets to strive for recognition in the SAR Bronze Medal Program for Leadership, Soldierly Bearing and Academic Excellence. More than 200 letters have been sent to JROTC leaders in South Carolina.



Compatriots of the Colonel Matthew Singleton Chapter laid a wreath at the first annual Revolutionary War Re-enactors encampment at Fort Watson. This was the first British Fort taken in South Carolina by the Patriots, General Francis Marion and Col. "Light Horse" Harry Lee. At left are fife players, Compatriots Dr. Muriel Hanna and Paul Harvin.



George Washington's Birthday was celebrated in style at the Carolina Yacht Club, during a black tie party in February by the Major General William Moultrie Chapter in Charleston. Compatriot Father James Parker (center) was presented with a Meritorious Service Medal for his many years of service to the Chapter as Chaplain. Society Senior Vice President Jerry Sifford (left) and Chapter President John Spear (right) handled the honors. As part of the evening's program, Compatriots Frank Rogers and George Brailsford treated attendees to a slide presentation on the plans for a statue of Major General Moultrie.

The **Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter** has been involved in an on-going project to clean up and restore Singleton Cemetery, named after the Revolutionary War soldier. Chapter President Muriel Hanna came across the cemetery five years ago and found it in near ruins. Compatriot Hanna has worked with the Sumter County Historical Commission over the past five years to secure funds for the 2.18 acre cemetery's repair. The cemetery is the resting place for Singleton and at least 42 of the Revolutionary War hero's friends and family.



Sumter High School JROTC students turned out on a recent Saturday to assist in repairing the wall surrounding the Singleton Cemetery, as well as help clean up debris and repair broken graves. Chapter President Muriel Hanna is spearheading efforts to restore the cemetery and present it as a spot for tourists.

TEXAS SOCIETY



Dallas Chapter Compatriot and District 6 Vice-President Ralph McDowell spearheaded a unique fundraising project which netted over \$500 for the Chapter's Youth Scholarship Activities in 2002. He collected and inserted the first 13 new state quarters into "The Original Thirteen Colonies" coin albums and an attractive table presentation were displayed throughout the year at various locations, including Society and Chapter meetings. Shown here is Compatriot McDowell (left) holding one of the albums, as **Dallas Chapter** Historian Tom Whitelock presents Compatriot McDowell with the "Purple Thumb Award" — created specially for McDowell because he incurred much pain in his thumb from pushing so many quarters into "those tight album slots!"



The **Athens Chapter** held its Annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner in November at the Athens Best Western Inn. This annual program recognizes Boy Scouts from a three-county area who achieved Eagle Scout status in 2002. Hank Voegtle, Society Eagle Scout Chairman, was present to introduce speaker Gene Stone, Scout Executive and CEO of Circle Ten Council, Dallas. Compatriot Voegtle presented the Certificates of Recognition to all attending Eagle Scouts. A total of 55 Eagles, parents, Chapter members and spouses were in attendance.

The **Paul Carrington Chapter** recognized President General B. Rice Aston at its 60th Annual George Washington Birthday Dinner held February 19 at the Briar Club



in Houston. PG Aston was warmly presented with the George Washington Distinguished Service Award for outstanding citizenship.



The **McKinney Chapter** received its Charter at a banquet held at the Eldorado Country Club in mid-February. Society President Jim Robertson (right) presented the document to the Chapter co-founders, Compatriots Nathan White (left) and William Walker (center).

the impact of the American Revolution on the Texas Revolution. He has taught at several colleges, and is a Past President of the Texas State Historical Association and is associated with numerous historical organizations in Texas.

At a recent meeting of the **Athens Chapter**, Henderson County District Judge Jack H. Holland (left) of Athens, received the Meritorious Service Medal from Society President James Robertson. Compatriots Holland and Robertson are both founding members and Past Presidents of the Chapter, with Holland serving as the first President from 1994-1995.

VERMONT SOCIETY



The Society held its Washington's Birthday celebration on February 22, joining with DARs for a lecture on the diary of a Revolutionary War soldier from Vermont, given by Charles Butterfield. The Society's Eagle Scout Award was also presented. From left were: Stewart Read, Secretary/Treasurer; Charles A. Foell II, 1st Vice President; Thomas P. McKenna, President; Ricky Coutu, recipient of the Scout Award; David Hockensmith, Trustee and Eagle Scout Project Officer; and Elise Roessler, Vice President of the Green Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America.

VIRGINIA SOCIETY



The **George Washington Chapter** presented portraits of George Washington to all of the public Schools in Alexandria, during a meeting of the Alexandria City Council last October. In addition, each school library was given a subscription to **American Heritage Magazine**. Pictured at the Council meeting were, from left: Compatriots Frank Becker, Michael Crowe, President Dan McGuire, and Jim Clemons.

The Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria was the site of the March meeting of **George Washington Chapter**. The guest speaker was Dr. Charles Errico, Assistant Dean and Professor of History at Northern Virginia Community College, who spoke on how the colonies overcame enormous odds to win their struggle for democracy over Great Britain. He received his Ph.D. in American Diplomatic History from the University of Maryland. He is also a member of the graduate faculty at George Mason University, and has won teaching awards from the Carnegie Foundation and the Alumni Association and Educational Foundation of NVCC. He has published several books, and is the producer and participant of a television series titled "America in Triumph and Turbulence."



The **Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter** installed 2003 Officers and honored some local citizens during its first meeting of the new year. **LEFT:** Librarian General Richard S. Austin installed the officers. Accepting the gavel and neck ribbon of Chapter President was Robert L. "Bob" Bowen. **RIGHT:** Spotsylvania County Sheriff Ronald T. Knight was the recipient of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. His wife Bonnie, pinned the medal on the retiring Sheriff's lapel. Chapter President Walt Sheffield and Awards Chairman Walter Brewster look on. Sheriff Knight's department was commended for cracking a local five-year-old murder case involving two young sisters. His jurisdiction was also brought into the national limelight when two of "the snipers" victims were shot in Spotsylvania County. Also recognized at the meeting was Matthew Fisher, a radiology technician, who received a Heroism Medal for his actions when he came upon a head-on collision in 2002. As the first person on the scene, he blocked oncoming traffic with his car, rushed to the two vehicles and managed to pull the front seat out and free a passenger as flames licked into the passenger compartment.



President General B. Rice Aston installed the 2003 Society officers during the Society's Annual Awards program, held in the Old Hall of the House of Delegates in the Richmond Capitol in February. Now a museum, the chamber has been the scene of many historic events. The Old Hall was the meeting place of the Virginia House of Delegates from 1788 to 1906. It is the site where Aaron Burr was acquitted of treason in a trial presided over by Chief Justice John Marshall. The Old Hall is now filled with pieces of statuary, including busts, some in marble and others in bronze, representing many great Virginians, including Revolutionary statesmen such as George Mason, Richard Henry Lee, Patrick Henry, and George Wythe; as well as Confederate heroes. Most striking of all statuary is the bronze likeness of General Robert E. Lee. The statue stands where Lee stood on April 23, 1861, when, at age fifty-four, he accepted command of the Confederate forces in Virginia. General Lee watched over the installation with an approving eye!

WISCONSIN SOCIETY



Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle (right) was recently awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal in recognition of his service as Attorney General prior to being elected to the state's top position. Doing the honors were **Nathaniel Ames Chapter** Compatriots David A. Dean (left) and Harold Klubertanz. Dean is now serving a Vice-President General for the Great Lakes District.

Compatriot Watson Portrays Ancestor Who Held Lantern on April 18th, 1775

Captain John Pulling of Revolutionary War fame made a comeback of sorts during the Old North Church Lantern Celebration held on Easter Sunday night, April 20, in Boston.

Although deceased for over 216 years, he appeared once again at the church as portrayed by California Compatriot Marston Watson, the Patriot's 3rd great-grandnephew. This came about through the feature article by Watson titled "Who Held the Lanterns on April 18, 1775?" in the Winter 2003 Issue of **The SAR Magazine**. This manuscript received great interest from the church staff and the Rev. Stephen T. Ayres. It also earned its author an invitation from Rev. Ayres, which he wrote on March 5th, to participate in the service – as follows:

Dear Mr. Watson:

*I would like to offer my compliments on your recent article, **Just Who Held the Lanterns on April 18, 1775?** It does indeed shed new light on an interesting controversy that continues to this day. After many climbs to the uppermost window of the steeple, it seems to me that it would be most difficult for one man, either Newman or Pulling, to make the ascent up the dark steep ladders with two lanterns.*



Compatriot Marston Watson of the California Society capably portrayed his ancestor, Captain John Pulling.

I would like to extend an invitation to you to participate in this year's Annual Lantern Celebration, Sunday, April 20. As you may be aware, descendants of both Robert Newman and Paul Revere have participated over the years. A new tradition can rightfully be established to honor the patriotism of others who may have also been involved. During the ceremony, a four-minute account by Robert Newman's son, Samuel, is read. Is there something similarly appropriate that might extol the endeavors of Capt. Pulling?

In your conclusion, you alluded to a possible collaboration with Robert Newman Sheets to resolve the controversy. The Old North Foundation has recently established a Speaker Series featuring notable historians, columnists and architects. Would you and Mr. Sheets consider a public debate of the issues in such a forum? We extend this offer as an echo of the words of the 1899 Transcript editor: "...it seems likely that both of the men had a hand in the affair, and both should share in the glory..."

*I look forward to hearing from you.
Sincerely,*

The Rev'd Stephen T. Ayres

Dressed in his Revolutionary War uniform, Captain Pulling enjoyed a reunion with his old friends Paul Revere and Church Sexton Robert Newman. He found the Old North Church to be much the same as it did in 1775, except for a little worse the wear – as was described in the article on page 9. The Lantern Celebration included hymns, prayers and scripture readings. Paul Revere, portrayed by re-enactor David Connor, recounted the events of April 18th from the letter he had written to his friend, Rev. Jeremy Belknap, D.D. The well-known poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow on **Paul Revere's Ride** was also read at the ceremony. The service and celebration closed with the hymn **America** while brothers Evan and Jason Kaplan, 8th generation descendants of the 18th-century sexton Robert Newman, carried the two lanterns to the church belfry.

America's Heritage CD Now Available Free For Teachers

America's Heritage: An Adventure in Liberty is the title of a CD available free of charge from National Headquarters for distribution to social science teachers at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

"This unique instruction tool," states President General B. Rice Aston, "was developed by the American Heritage Education Foundation, the McNair Foundation, and Rod Paige, the former Superintendent of the Houston Independent School District and now Secretary of Education. Its subject matter goes along way in furthering our Society's important objective of preserving our nation's history and heritage. The CD already has a proven track record generated over the past few months in a number of states where SARs have given out over 1,000 of them to teachers."

PG Aston emphasizes that teachers have been handicapped in their efforts to teach America's heritage because current textbooks are woefully inadequate and teachers lack the time to develop their own materials. This problem is solved to a substantial extent in that the student, when exposed to the CD's content, will learn about a broad range of topics – ranging from George Washington, the Declaration of Independence, the American Flag, the Statue of Liberty, the Pledge of Allegiance, and what it means to be an American.

Compatriots are encouraged to contact Headquarters to receive the CD for review and offering to teachers. Further information may be obtained at this interesting web site: www.americanheritage.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

113th Annual Congress
Chicago, IL, July 5-9, 2003
Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk

Trustees Meeting
Louisville, KY, Sept. 26-27, 2003
National Headquarters

114th Annual Congress
Pittsburgh, PA, July 3-7, 2004
Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel

115th Annual Congress
Louisville, KY, July 1-5, 2005
Hyatt-Regency Hotel

116th Annual Congress
Salt Lake City, UT, July 2-6, 2006
Marriott Hotel

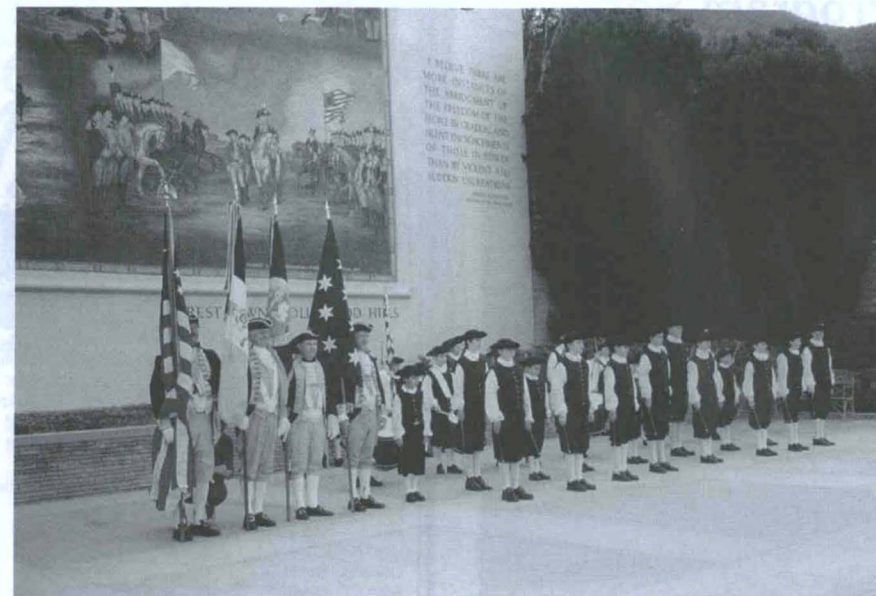
117th Annual Congress
Williamsburg, VA, July 14-18, 2007
Williamsburg Lodge

Sons Of Liberty Chapter Sponsors Massing Of Colors

What is billed as the largest patriotic event sponsored by the SAR anywhere in the country was staged for the 21st consecutive year by the California Society's Sons of Liberty Chapter within Forest Lawn Memorial Park at Hollywood Hills; the George Washington Commemorative Massing of the Colors and Salute to the Armed Forces.

This mammoth event occurred in mid-February and attracted scores of Color Guards from SAR Chapters, ROTC and JROTC Units, different re-enactment groups and the Armed Forces. Also represented were members of the DAR, C.A.R. and an array of other hereditary patriotic societies.

It is interesting to note that Forest Lawn boasts an exact replica of Boston's Old North Church, an extensive museum devoted to the Revolutionary War and a statue depicting George Washington. The latter, which towers upward 60 feet, is surrounded by busts of his favorite generals: Marquis de Lafayette, Henry Knox, Nathanael Greene and Benjamin Lincoln.



The San Diego Chapter Color Guard performed at their first Massing of the Colors. Also making their initial appearance was the Mountain Drum and Fife Corps, with 25 members on hand for the program.



Here are just some of the units that participated in the Forest Lawn ceremony. They are shown in front of a huge mural that depicts events of the Revolutionary War Era.



Sons of Liberty Chapter President Glenn Gujda served as Master of Ceremonies.

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The Rev. Gary Beard, who has portrayed George Washington for 28 years, gave a moving message about the General. On the left behind him was Gerrett F. Jackson, President of the California Society.

Bell Ringing Program Set For July 4th

The 35th annual "Let Freedom Ring" program, the nationwide ringing of bells on the Fourth of July, will once again be sponsored this year by the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

The event will be initiated at the Liberty Bell in Independence National Historical Park at 2:00 pm EDT. It is anticipated that at the same instant bells will be tolled all across the nation at thousands of different sites from churches, courthouses and town halls to state capitols, national monuments



Shown at the Liberty Bell leading the bell ringing program last year were these two youthful descendants of Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

and carillons. The Liberty Bell will be tapped by descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The Pennsylvania Society SR began stewardship of this program in 1969, a few years after it was initiated by a Concurrent Resolution passed by the United States Congress which called for "ringing of bells" on the Fourth of July as "fitting." It honors the 13 colonies represented by the Signers.

Bell ringing institutions wishing to participate should contact the Society on their web site at www.amerev.org (click on *Let Freedom Ring*), or call 1-800-330-1776. When an organization signs up, its name will be entered on the 2003 National Bell Ringing Roll of Honor and will receive free of charge a Certificate of Participation suitable for framing.

In Our Memory



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		I. Paul Perkins	VA
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		Charles P. Phillips	AZ
		Arthur G. Portz	OH
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		James C. Pullins	KY
		Charles E. Pumphrey	FL
		Robert E. Ranke	SC
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		Donald C. Redfield, Jr.	CT
		William F. Reed	MA
		John E. Reilly	CA
		Blair C. Rich	ID
		John H. Richards, Jr.	PA
		Richard W. Richardson	ME
		Thomas L. Riley	KY
		Wingfield Roberts	NJ
		Noel E. Robertson	VA
		Donald S. Robinson	MA
		J. Russell Robinson	MD
		Henry E. Royall	NC
		Robert Runnels, Jr.	KS
		Robert D. Runyan	PA
		Edward A. Sahli, Jr.	PA
		Robert D. Savage, Jr.	PA
		Chester M. Sawtelle	MA
		Lowell E. Scarbrough	MO
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		Carl E. Stark	VA
		Hugh A. Stephenson, Jr.	VA
		Thomas W. Stewart	OR
		John F. Storm	PA
		Thomas W. Strickland	FL
		Francis N. Stuppi, Jr.	TX
		William H. Suggs, Sr.	VA
		William V. Sutherland	TX
		Max D. Swaim	IN
		Allen B. Syler	AR
		Lyle E. Tarbell	VA
		Richard O. Thompson	CA
		Hugh S. Treloar	FL
		Isaac Tripp, III	OH
		Willard H. Tucker	KY
		Fred H. Turner	FL
		Millard S. Turner	PA
		Louis K. Tuttle, Jr.	VA
		Richard W. Tyler	KS
		Thomas C. Underwood	FL
		Quincy Z. Valentine	TX
		Charles R. Vanatta	PA
		George E. Van Brunt	CT
		Harold G. Vest	KY
		Havener A. Waldrep, Jr.	FL
		William L. Wallace	KY
		Warren W. Warbasse	CT
		Hilton M. Ware	KY
		Arthur M. Warren, Jr.	PA
		Charles H. Washburn	CA
		James A. Wasson	WV
		Clifford A. Weisel	PA
		Albert B. Welch	TX
		George E. Wells	MA
		Philip R. Westlake	AZ
		Finley W. White	TX
		Daniel L. Whitehead	PA
		Hensley Williams	TN
		Frederick C.J. Willsea	CA
		Alton L. Wilson, Jr.	WA
		Sherwood W. Wise	MS
		Alden S. Wood	MA
		Troy D. Woodbury	TN
		William M. Worth	TN
		Trevenen A. Wright	CA
		Robert L. Young	PA



Alabama (21)

Teddy Alan Adams, 159662; Joseph Spears Randal Edward Bearden, 159674; Nathan Byars Joel Byars Bearden, Jr., 159673; Nathan Byars Pleasant Jesse Church, Jr., 159655; John Christian Church Robert Joseph Conrad, 159661; Michael McGuire Donald Wayne Dixon, 159666; John Adair Bobby Graham Drake, 159660; John Drake Howard Wilson Drake, 159656; John Drake Gary Lynn Drake, 159657; John Drake Howard Mitchell Drake, 159658; John Drake Thurman Neeley Drake, 159659; John Drake Robert Perry Giffin, 159671; William Andrews, Sr. George Martin Hughes, 159672; Richard Hughes Christopher James Lee, 159669; Frederick Rivers Guy Pickens Norton, 159665; Joseph Pickens Herbert Wayne Norton, III, 159664; Joseph Pickens Louis Neal Quigley, 159583; Andrew Biddle Clem Oliver Rhodes, Jr., 159654; Peleg Rogers Robert Harold Richey, 159668; James Richey, Jr. Sidney Walker Tingen, Jr., 159667; Jacob Slaughter

Arizona (6)

Robert Shepard Bourcier, 159675; Jonathon Shepard, Sr. Stanley Robert Butterworth, 159584; Aaron Barnard Jason James Everett, 159676; William Whitfield, Sr. Emmett Harrison Scott, 159677; Matthew Scott Charles Laurence Spahr, 159679; David Hobby William Henry Tucker, Jr., 159678; John Tucker

California (8)

Robert Sherman Clayton, 159681; Jacob Van Meter Gregory Willis Clayton, 159680; Jacob Van Meter Evan Dale Clayton, 159682; Jacob Van Meter Roderick Coy Erks, 159685; Hezekiah Silloway Jeff Disbrow Gibson, 159683; Hezekiah Silloway Christopher Hampton Gibson, 159684; Hezekiah Silloway Hubert Eugene Petrie, 159686; Johannes Jacob Petry Brian Jerome Siegel, 159687; Philip Steinmetz

Connecticut (7)

John David Bair, 159694; Johann Jacob Schimpf Eric William Jolicoeur, 159690; Basil Prather Norman Henry Jolicoeur, 159691; Basil Prather Robert LeRoy Ralford, 159689; Jotham Morse Richard Shaw Reinhardsen, 159693; Aaron Sanford George Maxwell Smith, Jr., 159692; Jedediah Kilborn Bernard Irving Topper, II, 159688; William Wainwright

Delaware (10)

John Scott Cobb, 159995; Amos Balch James Collins Cobb, 159994; Amos Balch William Edward Evans, 160000; William Shaw Charles Henry Foraker, Jr., 159996; Joseph Hedges Harry Charles Jester, Jr., 159999; Daniel Jester, Sr. Robert Lloyd Kaercher, Jr., 160001; Silas Benton Lowell Herman Turner, 159998; Amos Harding Kenneth Martin Weinig, 159997; David Shurtleff Charles Neville Wight, Jr., 159993; John De Bow Peter Hughes Zeigler, 159585; John Michael Schmeisser

District of Columbia (3)

Thomas George Ferris, 159697; Charles Murray Donald Neal Lamson, 159696; Josiah Locke David George Tilley, 159695; Timothy Roberts

Florida (19)

Richard Allen Baxter, 159702; David Crosby George Joseph Brenick, Jr., 159703; Jacob Roush Alfred Felice Ciffo, III, 159711; Charles Beegle

Jack Dellis Crandall, 159700; Christian Plants Donald Courtland Dunham, 159712; Azariah Dunham Michael Becker Dunlap, 159707; Jesse Rowe Marshall Thorburn Fay, Jr., 159706; William Shedd Edward Trevor Ferguson, Jr., 159705; Jotham Gaylord Richard Allen Hardesty, 159704; Ithamer Clough Allen Rex Jones, 159586; Richard Dean Stephen Curtis Offutt, 159701; John Trigg William Albert Show, 159710; Benjamin Phipps Richard Lawrence Sumner, II, 159699; Ezra Cary Ronald Eugene Toops, 159670; James Martindale Christopher Scott Vecellio, 159708; George Roush Michael Andrew Vecellio, 159709; George Roush Robert Damon Weaver, 159698; Thomas Akeley Donald Lee Wemple, 159587; Jacob Van Alstine Donald John Wemple, 159588; Jacob Van Alstine

France (11)

Pierre Jean Arnal, 159717; Joseph Paul de Pothonier Dimitri Jacques Kermal Chevallier, 159720; Jean Rene Huchet de Kernion Jean Marie Georges Chevallier, 159721; Jean Rene Huchet de Kernion Jean Marc Marie Jacques Chevallier, 159722; Jean Rene Huchet de Kernion Laurent Bertrand d'Abbadie, 159718; Louis Armand Francois de Menou Prince Henry de Merode, 159715; Charles Carroll of Carrollton Lacroix de Vimeur de Rochambeau, 159716; Jean Baptiste Donatien Lacroix Pierre Farges, 159723; Pierre Laprun Jacques Jausseran, 159719; Jean Georges Schmidt Alexandre, Maurice Marie Le Vert, 159713; Alexandre Andre Le Vert Oliver Pierre Meffre, 159714; Jean Gaspard Vence



The Colonel Matthew Singleton Chapter of the South Carolina Society inducted 11 new members in October, including these seven men who are descendants of Patriot Singleton. (Foreground, from left) Rudy Singleton, Sr., T/Sgt. Robert Ellis Singleton, Charles Ellis Smith, David Richard Smith and Jonathan Michael Smith. (Rear, from left) Rudy Singleton, Jr. and Rudy Singleton III.

Georgia (58)

Van Jackson Ball, 159754; Burch Allison Jackie Ball, 159755; Burch Allison Phillip Nolan Bannister, 159745; John Pirkle Robert Earl Brooks, III, 159746; Micajah Brooks David Martin Brown, 159725; Benjamin Brown Kyle James Cash, 159765; William Bennett James Carl Castle, 159758; Phineas Castle Alan Barrett Chamlee, 159764; Ninian Barrett Stephen Charles Coleman, 159734; Thomas Horne James Eric Davies, 159771; Edward Davies Grady Clay Davies, Sr., 159770; Edward Davies Julian Bradley Deal, 159766; James Bradford David Stephen Dunn, 159778; William Ross Otis Konrad Etheredge, Jr., 159751; James Tison, II James Hoke Evans, 159750; George Newton John Bridger Evans, Jr., 159749; George Newton Jason Wade Guest, 159733; Moses Guest Jackson Wesley Guest, 159732; Moses Guest James Allen Gunnells, 159591; Daniel Gunnells, Sr. Harold Harrison, Jr., 159589; Samuel Otterson Nathaniel Armstrong Hill, 159763; Samuel Lawrence Bloise Armstrong Hill, 159762; Samuel Lawrence Joseph Caleb Hulet, 159741; James Rutherford Ben Tillman Hulet, III, 159740; James Rutherford Ben Tillman Hulet, Jr., 159739; James Rutherford Jay Lynn Johnson, 159726; John Partridge Bissell Albert Sydney Johnson, III, 159753; John Bryan James Leonidas King, Jr., 159752; Francis King Robert Neil Lawson, 159772; John Bird Benton Adam Lawson, 159773; John Bird Michael Kenneth Lemke, 159743; Zachariah Phillips Kenneth Dale Lemke, 159742; Zachariah Phillips James Blair McIntyre, 159731; Perez Antisdale James Mitchell McIntyre, 159730; Perez Antisdale Brent Jackson McKinney, 159757; Burch Allison Brian Clayton McKinney, 159756; Burch Allison Robert Dunlap McMorris, 159767; Peter Withington Matthew Rucker Mullenix, 159759; Jacob Schuyler Brett Warren Osborn, 159769; Zebadiah Osborn George Wayne Pailloz, 159744; Richard Gladney Frederick Baisden Paul, 159776; Robert Paul Robert Dorman Paul, 159777; Robert Paul James Travis Paul, III, 159775; Robert Paul James Travis Paul, Jr., 159774; Robert Paul Lee Clayton Penhallegon, 159748; John Adam Treutlen Christopher Paul Prescott, 159729; Thomas Butler Paul Ithel Prescott, 159728; Thomas Butler Walter Byron Reed, Jr., 159738; John Davis Walter Byron Reed, Sr., 159737; John Davis Darrell Fred Rishel, 159768; Ludwig Rishel Benton Wilson Roberts, Jr., 159747; Drury Roberts James Michael Rowell, 159761; John Rowell Lynwood Edon Sheffield, 159727; John Sheffield William Edward Stoner, 159724; Adam Owrey John Michael Tomme, Jr., 159736; Shadrach Vining John Michael Tomme, Sr., 159735; Shadrach Vining James Randolph Weed, Jr., 159760; Reuben Weed, Sr. Fielding Dillard Whipple, Jr., 159590; Preserved Whipple

Hawaii (1)
Tom Y. Rush, Jr., 159592; Green Hill, Jr.

Illinois (14)
William Allen Ayres, 159792; Robert Wardlow Kevin Gerard Brown, 159785; Thomas Copenhaver Claire Eugene Brown, 159783; Thomas Copenhaver James Damian Brown, 159786; Thomas Copenhaver James Drummy Brown, 159782; Thomas Copenhaver Phillip William Brown, 159784; Thomas Copenhaver David Larkin Casebeer, 159788; David Casebeer Jonathan Lee Casebeer, 159789; David Casebeer Gregory Everett Derylo, 159787; Joshua Hadley Jonathan Anton Halvorson, 159781; Benjamin Cutter Joshua Whitfield Keller, 159779; Jacob Van Meter, Sr. Roger Simon Kesner, 159780; Benjamin Cutter Matthew William Mau, 159791; George Damron Robert Ray Morefield, 159790; David Irby

Indiana (11)
Douglas James Arnold, 159799; John Lewis Ronald Russell Buss, 159593; Christopher Meyer Stephen Robert Hofer, 159594; James Brewster John Edward Hurt, Jr., 159793; John Brown Thomas Pierson Jones, 159795; Christopher Ricks (Reix) Robert Alan Moore, 159797; Ebenezer Stearns, Sr. Paul Jason Moore, 159798; Ebenezer Stearns, Sr. Thomas Wesley Richardson, 159794; John Kersey Jerry Wayne Ridenour, 159800; John Wallace Gary Eugene Rutherford, 159595; Barnett Idol Richard Lee Shirey, 159796; Joseph Rench



Iowa (1)
Charles Bernard Prickett, 159801; Jacob Prickett, Sr.

Kansas (14)
Michael Robert Barber, 159802; Thomas Chapman John Richard Bolton, 159600; Chesley Glover Daniel Mann Chapin, 159810; Peter Chapin Lewis Worthington Goetz, 159599; Sylvester Sweet, Sr. Gary William Groh, 159597; Adam Martin Steven Charles Hansen, 159809; Ephriam Seelye, Jr. John Arthur Hansen, 159808; Ephriam Seelye, Jr. Robert Earl Martin, 159805; Sterling Crowder Gary George McIntosh, 159598; Cornelius Atherton Donald Willard Pepoon, 159596; Joseph Pepoon Robert Louis Smail, 159807; Samuel Hungerford William Tyler Smail, 159806; Samuel Hungerford Geoffrey Allan Todd, 159804; Samuel Johnston Brian Leroy Withrow, 159803; James Withrow

Kentucky (10)
Clarkie Lee Carley, 159814; Nathaniel Burdue James Shrewsbury Craik, 159653; Dr. James Craik Donald Russell Fuller, 159812; Nathan Hinkle Robert Butler Gibson, 159818; Casper Boyer Everett Grant Hamblin, Jr., 159817; Simon Jones John Henry Huffman, Sr., 159815; Ambrose Huffman Carl Thomas Koon, 159813; Philemon Lacy George Earl Meyers, 159601; Archibald Magruder John Franklin Parker, 159816; John Christopher Charles Simpson Ray, 159811; John C. Lindsay

Louisiana (7)
Ryan Hamilton Blackledge, 159822; Spence Grayson Clifton Wayne Hutto, 159602; Thomas Batson James Willis Nunn, 159603; Robert Rosamond

William Gregg Pressley, 159820; James Key John Gregg Pressley, 159821; James Key Milton Maull Pressley, 159819; James Key Ellis Jacob Touns, Sr., 159604; Jean Baptiste Champagne

Maine (2)
Richard Howland Hills, 159824; Nathaniel Waterhouse Allen Smalley Horne, 159823; Joshua Small / Smalley

Maryland (6)
Justin Duane Ford, 159826; Joseph Freethy David Lloyd Jobs, 159830; William Jobs Kevin Barclay Keitel, 159828; John Marsh Charles Worthington Ross, IV, 159825; William Ross Matthew Roland Viel, 159827; Ulrich Huber Steven Davis Warner, 159829; Eli Hyatt

Massachusetts (3)
George Chapman Hibben, 159833; Thomas Hibben Scott William McDonough, 159831; Daniel Townsend Roland Crosby Nickerson, III, 159832; Ensign Nickerson

Michigan (7)
Dale Edward Conger, 159836; Joseph Conger Gerald Michael Conger, 159834; Joseph Conger Philip Jerome Conger, 159838; Joseph Conger Buel Milton Conger, 159835; Joseph Conger Mark Steven Conger, 159837; Joseph Conger Robert Harrower Mouat, III, 159839; Thaddeus Hubbell, Jr. William Rex Nash, 159605; Andrew Swallows

At its August 2002 meeting the Pennsylvania Society's Christopher Gist Chapter inducted two brothers who are active in the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution. In the foreground Chapter Past President Charles Calahan is shown pinning an SAR Rosette on David J. Sweeney, the current N.S.C.A.R. National President. Observing was brother Rian Marshall Sweeney, Honorary National N.S.C.A.R. President. Both men now attend college. David brought greetings to the Annual Congress staged last year in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mississippi (13)
Charles R. Cutler, Jr., 159848; Asa Rice George Lavert Farrell, 159606; John Griffin Charles Stanley Farrell, III, 159608; John Griffin Charles Stanley Farrell, Jr., 159607; John Griffin Earnest Burdette Haney, 159842; John Garrett Joseph Boyd Haney, 159843; John Garrett William Ray Haney, 159844; John Garrett George Wesley Lewis, Jr., 159845; John George Crisler John Michael Rigdon, 159609; James Singletary Jacob Truth Staples, 159846; Richard Welch John Floyd Sumner, Jr., 159847; Joseph Sumner Charles David Thomason, 159840; Robert Rankin Stephen Elliott Thomason, 159841; Robert Rankin

Missouri (11)
Huey Cline Auvil, 159854; William Hebb Huey Jason Stein Auvil, 159855; William Hebb John Herbert Coutts, 159610; Jesse Walker George Charles Gibson, 159611; David McCrillis Walter Allen Glenn, 159613; Henry Frederick Helmershausen Paul Samuel Krebs, 159851; Mathias Firestone Rockne Krebs, 159850; Mathias Firestone Kyle Krebs, 159852; Mathias Firestone Arthur Sandford Krebs, III, 159853; Mathias Firestone Ronald Weldon McReynolds, 159612; Francis Aldridge James Beatty Meanor, Jr., 159849; Isaac Meanor

Nevada (4)
William Allison Goodwin, 159857; Gaius Allison Clinton Scott Marvin, 159856; John Marvin Dale Eugene McLellan, 159614; David McCarty

David Roy Ogle, 159858; Abner Pomeroy
New Hampshire (8)
John Taylor Camm, 159862; Joseph Little James Seagers Cobban, 159863; Thomas Stickney, Jr. Neal Charles Estano, 159866; Samuel Annis John DeNormandie Harlan, 159860; Jonathan Smith Matthew DeNormandie Harlan, 159861; Jonathan Smith Merrill DuShane Harlan, 159859; Jonathan Smith James Fraser Jennings, 159864; Jonathan Stanton Haig Hill Sergerian, 159865; Benjamin Lawrence, Sr.

New Jersey (10)
John Houghton Ball, II, 159873; Joseph Ball Peter Henry Dobbelaar, 159872; Johannes Schlencker James Byron Hankins, 159867; Zachariah Hankins Joseph Thomas Hankins, 159868; Zachariah Hankins Stephen James Hankins, 159869; Zachariah Hankins Kenneth James Kievit, 159871; Paulus Vanderbeek Wesley Joseph Lewis, 159875; Isaac Lewis Robert Wesley Lewis, II, 159874; Isaac Lewis Robert Vincent Shannon, 159870; George Cooper Gary Owen Walling, 159876; Thomas Seabrook

Empire State (NY) (39)
George Howard Ballard, 159624; Gilbert Carrigan Norbert Raymond Bankert, 159900; Lemuel Messenger Norbert Raymond Bankert, II, 159901; Lemuel Messenger Carl Augustus Berg, 159884; Peter Gumaer Carl Justin Berg, 159885; Peter Gumaer Robert Earl Bliss, 159903; Jonathan Bliss, Sr. Robert Edwin Bliss, 159902; Jonathan Bliss, Sr. Matthew Charles Cole, 159896; Gideon Walker Arthur Ervin Dunckel, 159892; John George Dunckel Arthur Ervin Dunckel, Jr., 159893; John George Dunckel Neal Edward Foley, 159889; Christian Edick Thomas Lester Foley, 159887; Christian Edick Donald Howard Foley, 159891; Christian Edick David James Foley, 159890; Christian Edick Michael Thomas Foley, 159888; Christian Edick Amos Moses Griffin, 159620; Jacob H. Schermerhorn Frederick Brewer Griffin, 159618; Jacob H. Schermerhorn Wheaton Ira Griffin, II, 159619; Jacob H. Schermerhorn Bruce Allen Haff, 159881; John Haff Rodger Johnson Haff, 159880; John Haff Douglas Oliver Haff, 159882; John Haff Peter Morton Haff, 159883; John Haff David Heckman, 159623; Joseph De Silva James Harry Hudson, 159616; Joseph Collins Rober Wayne Linekin, 159615; Isaac Hall James Edwin Makowicz, 159898; Reuben Dresser Joseph Paul Makowicz, 159897; Reuben Dresser David Anthony Marsh, 159886; David Dalrymple Steven Arthur Perkins, 159622; Elijah Lacey Joseph Anthony Ridgway, 159879; Benjamin Stockbridge John Thomas Saxton, 159877; Daniel Buck Harry Isaac Sharp, Jr., 159905; Peter Grove David Malcolm Shields, Jr., 159617; Samuel Mundy Alan Reed Tompkins, 159894; Richard Woolsey James Edward Van Buskirk, 159878; Martin Van Buskirk Daryl Vincent Verstrete, 159895; Thomas Beadle, Jr. Gary Coleman Welch, 159904; John Hatch Jerrold Levi Wheaton, Jr., 159621; Jacob H. Schermerhorn Arthur Fredrick Young, Jr., 159899; Daniel Bingham

North Carolina (7)
William Eston Paulk, Jr., 159628; Micajah Paulk Charles Andrew Rush, 159629; Charles Rush John Fenner Sanderford, Jr., 159627; George Trotter Burgin Wayne Schrum, 159906; Peter Shrum Kenneth Mark Street, 159625; Gardner Cleveland William Vance Trantham, 159907; Adam Cooper James Allen Whitaker, Jr., 159626; Edward Whitaker

Ohio (17)
James Blake Alexander, 159911; Samuel Millington John Harvey Alexander, 159912; Samuel Millington Steven Lee Aukerman, 159918; Philip Burbach James Timothy Clark, 159919; Joshua Osborn Donald Eugene Clark, 159917; Joshua Osborn Scott Edward Daniels, 159921; Christopher Cray Ronald Lee Dennis, 159910; James Dennis Stephen James DiMaria, 159909; John Baker Samuel Douglas Dodson, 159632; William Cochran Asa Cash Garber, 159908; Benjamin Butler Bryan Christopher Greene, 159630; John Lopp, Sr. Robert Earl Hackenberg, 159916; Johann Peter Hachenberg, Sr. Jerry Nicholas Hartman, 159631; Valentine Switzer John Neal Meeks, 159913; Edward Burgess David Scott Meeks, 159914; Edward Burgess Paul Steven Meeks, 159915; Edward Burgess Richard Curtis Morrow, 159920; James Dennis

Oklahoma (4)
Glen Claude Brady, 159924; James McLemore, Sr. Richard Dennis Cain, 159922; John McConnell Marion Almon Lee, 159923; James Lee Glen David Wattenbarger, III, 159640; John Bromley

Oregon (6)
Jan Phillip Dial, 159929; Joseph Dial Harold Dean Messer, 159925; John Hitchcock Bernard Allen Smith, III, 159927; Lewis Christ Smith Bernard Allen Smith, IV, 159928; Lewis Christ Smith Bernard Allen Smith, Jr., 159926; Lewis Christ Smith David Leon Whalen, 159633; Thomas Phillips

Pennsylvania (14)
Kevin Douglas Campbell, 159931; Yost Miller John Marshall Confer, 159935; Peter Dunkelberger Randy Lee Conner, 159930; James Seals Jon Paul Raymond Daddysman, Sr., 159636; Joseph Samuels Scott Edward Kaufman, 159637; Jacob Kaufman, Sr. Kirk Alan Lybarger, 159936; Ludwick Lybarger John Wesley McCullough, 159634; John McCulloch Jonathan Wesley McCullough, 159635; John McCulloch Ronald Keith Ostrum, 159932; John Barr Thomas Allen Pickford, 159937; Rudolph Stotler Dale Chester Raupach, 159934; John Landis, Sr. Chad John Weaver, 159933; David Blakeslee Craig Thomas Welfer, 159639; Jacob Kaufman, Sr. Larry Thomas Welfer, 159638; Jacob Kaufman, Sr.

South Carolina (6)
Charles Michael Ayers, 159941; Archelaus Hughes Paul Vaughn Braden, 159939; John Braden, Sr. David Reinhold Frick, 159642; Nathan Morgan Thomas David Hart, 159940; Joseph Hart Wayne Burtis Richey, 159641; Robert Culbertson Edward Louis Warmoth, 159938; Robert Leatham

Tennessee (11)
Willard David Bostwick, 159943; Ebenezer Bostwick Robert Joe Dennison, 159947; Philomon Harrington Mark Coleman Dennison, 159948; Philomon Harrington Gabriel Edward Fidler, 159644; Newman Scarlett Jack Lyle Holt, 159950; Martin Shofner Gardiner Bouton Jones, III, 159945; Jacob Schwander Charles Delos McNichols, 159942; Wyatt Hewell John Edward Pate, 159946; Joel Elam Forrest Neil Rhoads, Sr., 159944; Henry Rhoads Joseph Smyth, III, 159949; Solomon Lombard, Sr. James Otey Walker, III, 159643; Alexander McIntosh

Texas (28)
Charles Stuart Bachner, 159956; John Sevier Thomas Edgar Bachner, III, 159955; John Sevier Allen Leroy Christian, Jr., 159965; James Hays Samuel Jerome Dealey, Jr., 159645; Jeffrey Palmer Albert Reeves Gallatin, 159647; Drury Going Steven Ross Graham, 159953; Edward Travis Raymond Eugene Greer, II, 159952; Isaac Garrison Gary Lin Grubbs, 159971; Richard Searcy William Wallace Gunn, III, 159954; Jesse Kitchen Alton Jackson Hendrick, 159966; John McBride Walter Eugene Holmes, Jr., 159962; William Holmes Christopher Michael Kasprzyk, 159969; Sylvanus Cottle Murry Thomas Lusk, 159970; Richard Straughan Lincoln Christopher McEntire, 159648; Walter Smiley, Sr. Stephen James Metts, 159649; John Hodges Thomas Lester Miller, Jr., 159963; William Hudspeth Neil Ivan Parsons, 159646; James Parsons Bruce Weldon Roberts, 159961; Daniel White James Everett Seidule, 159650; William Goff, Sr. Fred Aaron Skaggs, 159951; Joseph Dobson Roger Gilland Stephenson, 159960; James Stephenson, II Juan Pablo Vazquez, 159968; David Burleson Ray Edward Walls, 159958; John Wall, Sr. Justus Wilson Walls, 159957; John Wall, Sr. Eric Ryan Walls, 159959; John Wall, Sr. Mark Phillip Whatley, 159964; Michael Whatley Clermont Edward Wheeler, Jr., 159651; George Hoeffacker Billy Edgar Wolfe, 159967; Phillip Wolfe

Utah (1)
David Hughes Horne, 159972; Samuel Smith

Vermont (1)
Arnold Eugene Fallon, Jr., 159973; John Tuthill

Virginia (15)
Robert Joseph Avery, 159978; Joseph Tremau Sippy Lawrence Keith Baker, 159983; John England

Matthew Jordan Creager, 159982; Conrad Creager George Vernon Godfrey, Jr., 159977; Dixon Robinson Charles Coates Gregory, Jr., 159984; Francis Barrott Clifford Jared Hale, 159985; Jacob Hole Thomas Michael Hale, 159986; Jacob Hole Charles Wayne Kilgore, 159974; Patrick Porter Adam Patrick McClelland, 159981; William Lawson II Robert Eugene McConnell, Jr., 159976; Corbin Lane Melvin James Patton, 159980; David Baker Charles Leslie Patton, 159979; David Baker Barry Marshall Spears, 159987; Corbin Lane

Mark Anthony Taylor, 159988; William Addington Robert Ray Wilhelm, 159975; Corbin Lane

Washington (4)
Wayne Edward Butterfield, 159652; Jonathan Butterfield Russell Dudley Nelson, 159990; John Dever, Sr. John Irving Shotwell, 159991; Joseph Bassett Ross Alan Todorovich, 159989; John Cowles, Sr.

Wisconsin (1)
Covella D. Pierce, 159992; George Wigginton



Color Guardsmen from four California Society Chapters performed in the opening ceremonies for Super Bowl XXXVII. The Chapters were Redlands, San Diego, Sons of Liberty and South Coast.

Color Guards Perform At Super Bowl

Pre-game festivities at Super Bowl XXXVII earlier this year in San Diego were highlighted by a dramatic and stirring performance staged by nearly 20 Color Guardsmen from four California Society Chapters: Redlands, San Diego, Sons of Liberty and South Coast.

With Qualcomm Stadium as the site of the game, the Guardsmen were in the forefront of a large parade of military representing the Civil War, World Wars I and II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Desert Storm, Afghanistan and Pearl Harbor Survivors. Leading the entire march was Redlands Chapter Compatriot Verne White dressed as George Washington.

While Celine Dion sang her poignant version of "God Bless America", parade participants moved out jauntily to the rim taps of the SAR drummers. Then on the command for the National Anthem, the SAR Color Guard presented the Colors and arms with Brown Bess Muskets, drums and fife as the Dixie Chicks sang our nation's Anthem. It is interesting to note that South Coast Chapter Compatriot George E. Key is a direct descendent of the author of the song's words, Francis Scott Key.

In addition to the millions who viewed the event on television, tens of thousands of those who were on hand for pre-Bowl events and the Bowl itself witnessed how well the SARs performed. As just one instance, well

over a thousand were in the stadium on Friday when a dress rehearsal of the parade was held. There is no doubt that the Revolutionary War uniforms and flags made a lasting impression!

Special kudos are extended to San Diego Compatriot William Tisch, who was responsible for coordinating the Guard's participation with Best Productions, the firm which directed the day's activities; and the Chapter's President, Col. John K. Wetter, USMC (Ret), whose military color guard experience guided the SARs through their paces.



On Friday before the actual game on Sunday, the Color Guard rehearsed at Qualcomm Stadium. As they filed in, over a thousand spectators viewed.



When You Are Traveling

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ARIZONA

Palo Verde Chapter meets for breakfast in Mesa, at 8:30 AM, 2nd Sat. monthly except Jul-Aug. Call Bob McKinley (480) 897-7712. SARs, friends and family are welcome.

Prescott Chapter luncheon meeting the 3rd Saturday of the month. Call (520) 445-3142 for information.

Saguaro Chapter meets in Sun City the second Saturday monthly except June, July and August. Call Don Braddock (623) 214-0413.

ARKANSAS

Crowley Ridge Chapter Dutch treat luncheon meeting 12:30 pm second Sunday of each month except June, July, and August. Jonesboro, Arkansas Holiday Inn, 3006 S. Caraway Rd. SARs and guests very welcome.

General LaFayette Chapter Luncheon meeting, 11:30 AM Second Saturday monthly, except June, July and August. Clarion Inn, Hwy 62 and 71 Bypass, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Compatriots, spouses and potential members always welcome.

CALIFORNIA

Orange County Chapter Lunch meeting, 11:15 a.m., 2nd Saturday of month except Jul. and Aug. Sizzler Restaurant, 1401 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton. Compatriots and families welcome. Disneyland nearby.

Riverside Chapter meets monthly, 2nd Tues., 12 noon. Call (909) 783-0762 for info.

San Diego Chapter Meet 3rd Sat., monthly, noon luncheon, Best Western Seven Seas lodge, 411 Hotel Circle South. Ph. Treasurer (619) 448-8858. (No meeting June, July and Dec.)

San Francisco Chapter, organized 1876, meets at 12 Noon usually on the 4th Thursday each month (none in July, Aug. & Dec.). Contact Michael Phelps, 5 Reed Road, Tiburon, CA 94920; 415-433-3733; phelps@alumni.princeton.edu.

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Central Florida - Disney Area. Luncheon meeting second Saturday monthly except June, July and August. Call Tom McElroy: 407/261-0433.

Flagler Chapter. Luncheon meetings 11 a.m. 3rd Tues. monthly. Call (386) 445-7797 for location.

Ft. Lauderdale Chapter. Luncheon meetings on 2nd Thursday monthly at 11:30 a.m. Guests welcome. For reservations: (954) 942-3081.

Gainesville Chapter, 12:00 Noon, 3rd Monday meets every, Month, Sheraton Gainesville Hotel, 2900 SW 13th St. Info call (352) 373-7300 or (352) 377-4164.

Lakeland Chapter. Lunch mtgs, 11:30 a.m. 3rd Sat. monthly except Jun, Jul, & Aug. Holiday Inn South. Info call 863-858-8856 or 863-533-3038. All welcome.

Miami Chapter. Luncheon meetings at noon the 4th Friday monthly, except July, Aug., Feb., 3rd Friday Nov. & Dec. at the Country Club of Coral Gables, 997 N. Greenway Drive, Coral Gables. Special observances Washington's Birthday, 4th of July, Constitution Week and Veterans Day. Visiting SARs and Ladies welcome. For reservations call John M. Thomson (305)443-5444 (E mail) <thomlaw1@aol.com>

Naples Chapter meets at 11:30 a.m. the first Thursday of each month October - June at the Elks Lodge, 3950 Radio Road (from I-75 Exit 15, turn south on 951, then west on Davis Blvd; then turn north onto Radio Road. Phone Sec. James Applegate (941) 793-6629.

Ocala Chapter. 11:30 a.m., 3rd Wednesday monthly. Elks Club, 702 NE 25th Avenue, Ocala.

Palm Beach Chapter meets 3rd Tuesday except Jul., Aug., Sep. at the Sailfish Club, 1338 North Lake Way, Palm Beach, FL, at noon. For info call Raymond Shepley, (561) 833-2640.

Pensacola Chapter meets 11:15 am 2nd Saturday Hal's Rest, 920 E. Gregory. (850) 473-1176.

St. Augustine Chapter. Lunch meeting, 12 N. 3rd Sat. Sept-May. Info & Res: (904) 280-3013 or (904) 940-1077.

St. Lucie River Chapter. Luncheon mtgs. noon 2nd Sat. monthly, except Jun., Jul., Aug. Call President Jay F. Wise: (772) 466-1275 for information.

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 727/527-0019 or 727/526-3356.

Saramana Chapter: Bradenton, Sarasota and Venice. Meets Noon 2nd Friday, except July & August. Call (941) 496-8021.

GEORGIA

Piedmont Chapter meets at 8:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday each month, Integrity Bank, 11140 State Bridge Road, Alpharetta. For info call George Thurmond at 770/475-1463.

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Chicago Ft. Dearborn Chapter, Luncheon Meetings at noon. Union League Club - 3rd Thursdays - Jan, Mar, Jul, Sep & Nov. (847) 256-0233.

NEVADA

Southern Nevada Chapter, Las Vegas, is holding a Breakfast Meeting at 9 a.m. first Sat. of each month at Denny's Rest., 3081 S. Maryland Parkway.

OHIO

George Rogers Clark Chapter, Springfield, meets 3rd Wed. eve: Feb, Apr, June, Sept, Nov; plus a July picnic. Springfield Inn, 6:30 p.m. Call Terry Whetstone (937) 324-5841 for info.

Richard Montgomery Chapter, Dayton, OH, meets 1st Wed. eve each month except July and Aug. Dayton Masonic Temple (High Twelve Rm) 7:30 p.m. Call Robert Keen (937) 254-3449 for info.

OREGON

Lewis & Clark Chapter: Meet the first Saturday of each month except July & August at 11:00am. Beaverton Elks Lodge #1987, 3500 SW 104th Ave., Beaverton, OR. Phone (503) 629-5184.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia-Continental Chapter. Meetings, luncheons, dinners, and functions monthly except July and August. Tel: Lanny R. Patten, Secretary, 1306 Club House Rd., Gladwyne, PA, 19035; Ph: (610) 520-9577.

TENNESSEE

Memphis Chapter, meets the third Tuesday each month at 6:00 P.M. (901) 458-2970.

TEXAS

Dallas Chapter, meets 7:30 a.m. on second Saturday of each month at Luby's Cafeteria, 6221 E. Mockingbird, Dallas. Guests welcome.

Garland's East Fork-trinity Chapter, meets 2nd Thurs. each month at 7 P.M., 625 Austin; (972)240-7323; Website: www.geocities.com/americansons

Houston's Paul Carrington Chapter: Meets frequently. Visitors are welcome. For info call Joe R. Davidson (713) 623-6323.

Plano Chapter, meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The meeting are at Juan's Hacienda Mexican Restaurant, 300 West Plano Parkway, near Collin Creek Mall. Visitors are welcome.

Fort Worth, Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, meets 9:00 a.m. on 3rd Saturday of each month at Woodhaven Country Club, 913 Country Club Lane, Fort Worth.

VIRGINIA

Fairfax Resolves Chapter, McLean, meets at 9:30 a.m. on the 1st Saturday, Sept.-Apr. at McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road. Call "Pat" Bray, Pres. (703) 573-3767 or Richard E. Spurr, Treas. (703) 751-2829.

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