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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since the Fall BOM meeting, I continue to make visits to the various chapters across the state, hold ALSSAR officer meetings, Executive Committee meetings, attend ALSSAR Color Guard events and accept various invitations that I receive from our community weekly.

Our society's participation in events is growing with lightning speed. What an amazing year 2021 has been for the Alabama Society. Our membership is energized and engaged in every aspect of our society's programs.

Just a few weeks ago we held our Fall BOM meeting. It was a large turnout at the American Village. Numerous topics were covered including, but not limited to, our youth protection, GWEF, NSSAR, the American Village partnership and the financial forecast. A few highlights at this meeting:

- State officers and key chairmen have completed the NSSAR Youth Protection Training Certification.
- Our society has now set up a line-item budget for a sound system to be used at all of our events and meetings.
- Our society hosted the NSSAR debate forum for contested offices.
- A number of awards was presented to the State Society from 131st National Congress in Reston, Wash.

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SAR chapter aids in renovating Alabama Veterans Museum

The Tennessee Valley Chapter recently completed a noteworthy project with the substantially renovated and improved Alabama Veterans Museum in Athens.

The chapter coordinated a major upgrading of the museum's Revolutionary War section. The chapter was assisted in this effort by a generous grant from the George Washington Endowment Fund as well as support from the CAR's state society, Alabama Flag and Banner, and COLSA, Inc.



—Photo by Melanie Poole

Tennessee Valley president Benny Hannah presents Gov. Kay Ivey with information regarding her patriot.

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ALSSAR chapter earns prestigious President General's Cup at Congress

The Tennessee Valley chapter brought home the biggest award at the 131st Congress in Renton, Wash., earning the prestigious President General's Cup that is awarded to the chapter presenting the most complete program of activities.

The chapter was one of four awarded the President General's Cup based on size. For chapters with 1-49 members, the Cup was presented to the Robert Rankin chapter from Texas. For 50-99 members, the New Bern (N.C.) chapter won the award. For chapters with 100-199 members, the Col. James Wood II chapter of Virginia won.

The Tennessee Valley chapter earned the award for chapters with 200 or more members.

It was one of four awards won by the chapter based on its program of activities. The chapter also won the President General's Education Outreach Streamer, the President General's State

Society and Chapter Activities Competition Awards (for chapters with more than 200 members) and the Ohanesian History Presentations Award for members who make the most presentations to classes and groups in schools (for chapters with more than 200 members).

Former President General Edgar Williamson Jr. originated the President General's Cup in February 1956. It was essentially a scrapbook contest but the rules were changed in 2008 to omit the scrapbook entry since the documentation collected on the score sheets used for the Americanism and President General's Streamer contests document the activities of the chapter in a manner similar to and, in some cases, in a more complete manner than a traditional scrapbook.

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From the Desk of the Secretary General

Going into my third month as Secretary General, and my eighth year as a general officer of the Society, I'm finding some time to reflect more on our purposes and the possible future plans and guidance I hope to emphasize and provide.

The Secretary General's duties are specified in national Bylaw 6 and include the notice of meetings, preparation of minutes of meetings, reporting on the actions of the Executive Committee and performing other duties as directed by the President General. As Secretary of the Foundation Board, I also prepare minutes of those Board meetings.

For the meetings that have been held since the July 2021 Congress, I have been superbly assisted in the preparation of minutes by compatriot David Perkins of Connecticut as the National Recording Secretary. Additionally, I act as the General Officer liaison for various national committees, including the Council of Youth Programs, the major committee overseeing the youth programs and contests.

Most of my time is devoted to that which I have described and to national level issues, but my roots remain grounded in the Alabama Society! I know that the lifeblood of our entire organization are the chapters and what they are accomplishing...and what they can accomplish!

My travels and meetings around the country have included:

- SAR Foundation – July 15; and Aug. 1 and Sept. 23 (both via Zoom)
- Executive (Excom) Committee – July 25, Aug. 22 (via Zoom), and Sept. 23 & 25
- Atlantic Middle States Association meeting – Annapolis, Md. – Aug. 13-14
- Congress Review Committee – Aug. 16 and Oct. 11 (both via Zoom)
- North Carolina Board of Managers - Aug. 21 (Zoom)
- SAR Education Center and Museum Committee - Aug. 24 (Zoom)
- Eagle Scout Committee - Aug. 27 (Zoom)
- Americanism Committee – Aug. 30 (Zoom)
- Patriot Research System Committee – Sept. 9 (Zoom)
- Magazine Committee – Sept. 14 (Zoom)



- Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter – Sept. 15
- Fall 2021 Leadership – Sept. 23-25
- National Society of Washington Family Descendants – Sept. 30-Oct. 2

It's not too early to begin planning your own attendance at the Spring 2022 Leadership meeting in Louisville, Ky., and the 2022 SAR Congress in Savannah, Ga. Spring Leadership dates are March 3-5, 2022, and is held at the Brown Hotel (502-583-1234). All compatriots, from the newest to the most experienced, and their spouses are welcome to attend. Congress dates are July 10-15; let's fill all our delegate slots at the ALSSAR annual meeting in February!

Registration on the SAR website is not yet open for these meetings but if you are interested in attending, or think you may attend, I urge you to go ahead and make your room reservations. Rooms at the Hyatt Regency Savannah (877-803-7534) for this Congress are expected to go fast. Use the Group Code G-NSSA.

The schedule for the 2022 Congress is:

- Excom/SAR Foundation will be on Saturday, 9 July
- Tours and Host Reception will be on Sunday, 10 July
- Memorial Service, First Ladies Tea, Rumbaugh Orations will be on Monday, 11 July
- Opening Ceremony, Youth Luncheon, and Award Night will be on Tuesday, 12 July
- Ladies Luncheon and PGs Banquet will be on Wednesday, 13 July
- Last tour and Installation Banquet will be on Thursday, 14 July
- Excom/SAR Foundation will be on Friday, 15 July

The 2023 Congress will be held in Orlando, Fla., and the 2024 Congress will be held in Lancaster, Penn. At the recent 2021 Fall Leadership, the Trustees agreed that the 2025 Congress would be held in Connecticut and the 2026 Congress would be held in North Carolina.

Also at the recent 2021 Fall Leadership, I reported on motions from the Executive Committee for both information or action recommended by the Trustees. Of significance, the Excom agreed to an expenditure not to exceed \$35,000 for the completion of the design of the second-floor meeting space and roof top venue at the Headquarters. A completed design would allow us to get competitive bids with the approval by Trustees at Spring Leadership. The Excom also discussed the allocation of \$57,000 requested by the Information Technology Committee

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Message

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- Established a Presidential Study Group to look at an online payment system for annual dues. They will make their recommendations at the upcoming annual meeting this February.

- Veterans Day is approaching soon. Our society is playing a large role in many events around our state. I encourage you to

be involved in any of the Veterans Day events. Alabama supports our veterans.

On Oct. 25, I spoke to the Etowah County chapter of the SAR. They continue to do excellent service in their community and for our society. It was a pleasure to speak to their chapter. I will be speaking to a few more chapters soon and installing their chapter officers.

Mark your calendars for the ALSSAR's

annual meeting and convention, scheduled for Feb. 25-26 in 2022 in Hoover. Our featured speaker will be NSSAR Secretary General and PG candidate Bruce Pickette.

This meeting will be a huge turnout as we kick off another great year ahead. As president, it continues to be my pleasure to serve you and I look forward to continuing to meet my fellow compatriots.

—William A. Kirkland II, Esq.

Museum

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The facility and display were formally dedicated on July 1 with approximately 500 persons in attendance, including Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey, state legislators, leaders of veteran organizations and local officials.

This project was part of the chapter's long-term effort to work with "organizations of a kindred spirit," such as veterans groups. Alabama Veteran's Museum Board chairman Jerry Crabtree and museum executive director Sandra Thompson were very supportive of this initiative which commenced in 2019. The overall strategy behind the project was to provide school students and adults with some information about America's first veterans.

The display features two mannequins, one attired in the uniform of a Continental Regular and another as a militiaman. Also presented are both Charleville and Brown Bess muskets, a replica of George Washington's favorite pistol, the Ross and Hopkinson versions of the first U.S. flag and many other objects relating to the daily life of the average soldier in the 18th Century.

Two elements of the display are especially innovative. There is a custom-made Commander in Chief's flag draped from the ceiling which was flown at the crypt of George Washington at Mount Vernon. There is also a 55-inch smart TV which plays a series of 11 short videos.

On one of the videos, Medal of Honor recipient Capt. Mike Rose provides a welcome to this section of the museum and indicates the importance of remembering the nation's founding.

These videos present information about a wide variety of subjects including heroines of the Revolution, the firing of a musket,



—Photo courtesy of Jess Brown

Gov. Kay Ivey in Revolutionary War section of museum with chapter president Benny Hannah, left, compatriot and state Sen. Tom Butler.

the history of the tune "Yankee Doodle," the Commander in Chief's flag and historical significance of the Rhode Island 1st.

Another important byproduct of this initiative was the development of an Alabama Patriot Database. Based on many hours of research, this work, using a wide variety of sources, identifies approximately 1,200 patriots with some association to the state of Alabama. Materials can be searched by last name or by county. Penny Chilton of the Maple Hill Chapter of DAR provided valuable assistance with this element of the display.

Three compatriots in the Tennessee Valley chapter invested much time in the development of the display and database.

Lynn Helms, the chapter's veteran liaison, served as the catalyst for the Alabama Patriot Database. Jim Griffith coordinated development of the videos. Mark Hubbs was instrumental in the making and presentation of the uniformed soldiers and in the assembly and presentation of muskets and other materials.

It is expected that at least 10,000 visitors will see the display each year. The state's tourism bureau is undertaking a promotional campaign. Upon the completion of work on the museum grounds, more than 1.3 million dollars will have been invested in renovation of this facility honoring the nation's veterans.

—Jess Brown

Chapter

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It is the opinion of the Americanism Committee that the President General's Cup remains a type of scrapbook contest without the requirement of a physical book being produced.

This award is presented to the chapter that conducted the best overall programs and activities during the previous calendar year (Jan. 1-Dec. 1) that created, supported or promoted a better understanding in its own community of such SAR resolutions and of the fundamental American traditions that governed their formulation and adoption.

The deadline for submission is March 1. Participating state societies and chapters report accumulated points to the Americanism Committee Chairman in accordance with the contest guidelines set forth by the Americanism Committee and published as part of the Americanism Award/President General's

Streamer combined score sheet. This score sheet may be downloaded from the Americanism Committee Web Page on the NSSAR web site. The score sheet must be submitted in its entirety to qualify as a valid entry for this competition. No separate entry form is necessary as the already submitted President General's Chapter Activities Competition Award and the Allene Wilson Groves and Liberty Bell Americanism Awards score sheets will be used.

The award is divided into four categories based on membership size on Jan. 1 of the contest year.

The Americanism Committee judges the contest at the Spring Leadership meeting and the award is presented at the following Congress. To qualify for consideration for this award, the entrant must have reported points in at least 75 percent of the categories listed on the score sheet. The same chapter may not win two years in a row.

Pickette

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for completion of the Membership & Events modules, and for the Discovery phase of the online Application module. This matter was postponed to the next Excom, scheduled for October 24. The Excom also approved the acquisition of digital scanning equipment via a 60-month lease.

The Trustees approved the 2022 Budget and established a “NSSAR Invested Funds Account” for the purpose of holding and investing monies received on behalf of the NSSAR. Establishing the account was viewed as necessary in the event monies were transferred from the SAR Foundation back to the NSSAR.

As many of you are aware, President General Wright has reorganized the national Committee structure in an effort to better leverage our available resources, increase communication among similarly focused committees, permit the continued use of Zoom and other telecommunications technologies, and provide more timely information to the Board of Trustees.

In order to effectuate this, he eliminated a few committees and made several others into subcommittees of other committees. This is more than a “paper” reorganization. While all committees will be encouraged to use technology to meet whenever business requires, subcommittees will be expected to meet by Zoom (or other electronic means) in the weeks before our scheduled Fall and Spring Leadership meetings. This will allow us to continually conduct Society business throughout the year and not just at Leadership and Congress.

Subcommittee chairs are expected to provide written reports to the Board of Trustees (based on current practice), while “parent” committee chairs will be asked to report to the Trustees about the business that took place during the Friday Leadership committee meetings. The goal is that this will allow us to structure our meeting times in such a way that we can maximize the available time and space while leveraging our present technological experience and involving members in our committees that may not be able to attend meetings in person.

The national committees have also been asked to focus on the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and consider how this important multi-year anniversary can be incorporated into our existing programs and awards or how it can be implemented into any new programs developed over the coming years. PG Wright has given the committee chairs and subcommittee chairs a lot of leeway to determine their collective futures; the General Officers, as Liaisons to the committees, can provide some guidance, but in the end the committees have to be the ones to develop the programs that they want to pursue. The guidance is very specific — how does the committee’s function advance the 250th anniversary, how does it help us celebrate the 250th, and how does it get our name out there. Those are the metrics that every committee should be evaluating.

In addition, the America 250 SAR Committee helps and encourages state societies and chapters in their plans and events. I urge the Alabama Society to wholeheartedly endorse the focus on the 250th anniversary and adopt changes to our programs and projects that further these purposes, including establishment of a supporting Committee of Correspondence.

To the well-deserved credit and hard work of our own compatriot Bill Stone, we are nearing completion of the Design phase of the SAR Education Center and Museum. The remaining work over the next several months will include development of the Liberty Theatre and video presentations for the theatre, interactive narratives, and the animated battle maps. It will also include finishing the design elements and video presentations for the “Upper World” located in the “War for Independence” Gallery. Once the total Design plan is completed, it will serve as the basis for “Phase III” which will be the contracted buildout of the Museum. Our



—Photo courtesy of William Rozier

ALSSAR president speaks at Cheaha meeting

ALSSAR president William Kirkland, left, with Cheaha president Robert Folsom and vice-president Eric Sloughfy, spoke at the chapter’s September meeting on “The Sons of the American Revolution, Past, Present and Future.”

goal is to open the facility to the public in 2026, coinciding with the 250th anniversary celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Please join me in supporting the Society’s long-time goal of building a Museum and changes within the state and our chapters that will focus on the 250th.

I am proud to represent Alabama and enjoying my work as the National Secretary General. I am also proud, as I hope you are, of the many Alabama Society compatriots who are making a difference at the national level. They include:

- Fred Olive, Librarian General and Vice-Chair, Protocol Committee
- David Jones, ALSSAR Trustee
- Jim Maples, Chair, Library & Archives Committee; Chair, GWEF Fund Raising Committee; and, Vice-Chair, Merchandise Committee
- Edmon McKinley, Chair, George Washington Endowment Fund Board; Chair, Bylaws, Rules and Resolutions Committee; and, appointed Member, Museum Board
- Bill Stone, Chair, SAR Education Center and Museum Committee and appointed Member, Museum Board
- Jim Alexander, Chair, Flag Committee
- Price Legg, Chair, Insurance and Risk Management Committee
- Bob Anderson, Vice-Chair, Compatriot Training Committee
- William Kirkland, ALSSAR Alternate Trustee
- Tom Walker, Liaison, American Village as a Member of the Education Outreach and Schools Committee
- Serving as a member of various committees: Jim Griffith, Don Roberson, Eric Alford, Bob England, Bruce Buehler, C.W. Posey, Dave Billings

I thank them all for their dedication and efforts to improve our Society. It was great to have compatriots Bill Daniel, Benny Hannah and Jim Griffith, and Ladies Sally Daniel, Iris Hannah, as well as Penny Jones, wife of David Jones, at the Fall Leadership as first-time attendees.

Join your fellow compatriots and me by becoming involved... somehow, somewhere!

See you in Louisville! And see you in Savannah!

—Bruce Pickette



—Photos courtesy of Michael Martin

State Honor Guard makes debut at Carl Quinton Black grave-marking ceremony in Curry

The new ALSSAR Honor Guard gathered with the ALSSAR Color Guard to celebrate the life of Carl Quinton Black, a World War II veteran who passed away earlier this year, with a grave-marking ceremony at the Mt. Vernon cemetery in Curry on June 5. Above left, members of the Color Guard and the Honor Guard post the colors. Above right, Honor Guard members fire a three-volley salute in honor of Black.

—Photo courtesy of Jason Williams

Richard Henry Lee chapter celebrates Constitution Week

The Richard Henry Lee chapter joined with local DAR chapters to hold its annual Constitution Week meeting in September. Compatriot John Denson, a member of the ALSSAR Color Guard, made a very informative presentation on the chapter's namesake, Richard Henry Lee, and his contributions to the founding of our country.



—Photos courtesy of Michael Martin

SAR compatriot gives high school students an education on the Revolutionary War

The Upward Bound-Trio program at many universities prepares high students who are striving to go to college, many for the first time in their families. Providing instruction at the University of Montevallo, Cahaba-Coosa chapter vice president Michael Martin taught students from Bibb, Chilton and Shelby counties about historical landmarks and buildings, genealogy, 18th century life and weaponry and military engagements.



Dr. J. Fred Olive III
Candidate for
Librarian General
2022-2023

NATIONAL

- Librarian General 2021-2022
- George Washington Fellow
- Friends of the SAR Library Life Member
- Attended 14 Trustee/Leadership Meetings
- Attended 9 Congresses

Committees

- Executive, 2019-20 & 2020-21
- Nominating, 2016-17 & 2017-18
- Chairman Library & Archives, 2018-2021
Vice Chairman 2016-2017
- Vice Chairman Protocol, 2018 -
- Vice Chairman Patriot Biographies, 2017-2019
- De-accession sub-committee of Library & Archives 2014-2016
- Library & Archives (8yrs)
- Americanism (6yrs)
- Patriot Biographies (6yrs)
- Protocol (6yrs)
- Headquarters & Building Main. (2yr)

Traveled to SAR Library a number of times to volunteer on projects such as digitization

ALABAMA SOCIETY and CHAPTER SERVICE

- National Trustee, 2017-18, 2018-19
- Alternate Trustee, 2016-17
- Alabama President, 2016-17
- Senior Vice President, 2015-16
- Recording Secretary, 2013, 2014-15
- Historian, 2011-12, 2012-13
- Treasurer, 2005-06
- Birmingham Chapter President, 2004-06;
Vice Pres, 2002-04; Registrar, 2008-10;
Genealogist, 1978; 3rd Vice Pres, 1977
- SAR Member since 1976

SAR MEDALS

- Patriot (State) 2018
- Distinguished Service (State) 2015

- Meritorious Service (National) 2021, 2019, (District) 2015, (State) 2004
- Silver Roger Sherman (State) 2020
- Silver Good Citizenship (State) 2019
- Liberty (National) 2014
- Lafayette Volunteer Service (National) 2018
- Bronze Good Citizenship (State) 2010
- Silver Council of State Presidents
- 44+ years continuous SAR membership

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- President Shelby County Historical Society (4yrs), Vice President (7yrs), Board member 2004 -
- Vice President Alabama Genealogical Society 2020-22, Parliamentarian & Board member 2015 -
- Author of several articles in the *Encyclopedia of Alabama*
- Samford University, Circle of Advocates 2016

EDUCATION & PROFESSION

- BS History, Samford University
- Masters of Library Service/Science, University of Alabama
- EdS & EdD Higher Education Administration, University of Alabama
- Head, Educational Technology Services for 25+ years, with last position as Acting Director, Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Please send endorsements to both by February 1st.

PG Jack Manning, Nominating Committee Chairman, 10 Old Colony Way, Scituate, MA 02066-4711. Preferred method is jack@manning.net

Don Shaw, Executive Director, 809 West Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202, dshaw@sar.org

Alabama Society Compatriot Bruce Pickette is running for the position of President General in 2022-23 and is seeking your personal endorsement



Dear Compatriots,

I am sincerely grateful to the delegates of the 131st Annual Congress in Renton, Washington, for electing me as the Society's Secretary General for 2021-2022. I will do my utmost to further the goals of our Society and intend to work closely with President General Davis Wright in support of his objectives.

The Washington Society SAR and the Washington Society Ladies Auxiliary hosted an excellent Congress and it was great to be back together again with fellow Compatriots and the Ladies from across the nation. Please plan on joining us at future Leadership meetings and Congresses.

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for President General for 2022-2023. I do so with the greatest enthusiasm and abiding devotion to our

organization. It is an honor to have served in many leadership positions at the chapter, state, and national levels for several years and I humbly ask for your continued support.

Your personal endorsement and the endorsement of your chapter would be greatly appreciated. Endorsements may be sent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, John T. "Jack" Manning, President General 2019-2021, by e-mail to Jack@Manning.net or by mail to 10 Old Colony Way, Scituate, MA 02066. Endorsements must be received by February 1, 2022.

Registration for the 2022 SAR Congress in Savannah, Georgia on July 10-15, 2022 has begun. If you have not attended a Congress, please consider doing so.

Thank you for your service and dedication to our Society.

Fraternally,
C. Bruce Pickette





—Photo courtesy of Dale Crawford

Judge entertains Little River chapter
Jackson County Circuit Judge Brent Benson was the featured speaker at the September meeting of the Little River chapter, building his program around “We the People” as he spoke on the U.S. Constitution in honor of Constitution Month. After the speech, he was presented a certificate of appreciation by chapter president Patrick Gifford.



—Photo courtesy of Jess Brown

Chapter donates in honor of deceased compatriots
Recently the Tennessee Valley chapter made a donation to the Huntsville library as part of an ongoing effort to buy books in memory of a deceased chapter member. Pictured are, from left: chapter chaplain James Henderson, vice president Dudley Burwell, library assistant for special collections Cait Monroe and chapter genealogist Bill Sommers.

Friends of the SAR Library valuable for collection development

The Friends of the SAR Library (FOL) was organized to assist the SAR Library in implementing its collection development objectives. These objectives include those books, manuscripts, microforms, and online services as needed to enhance and expand the current collection.

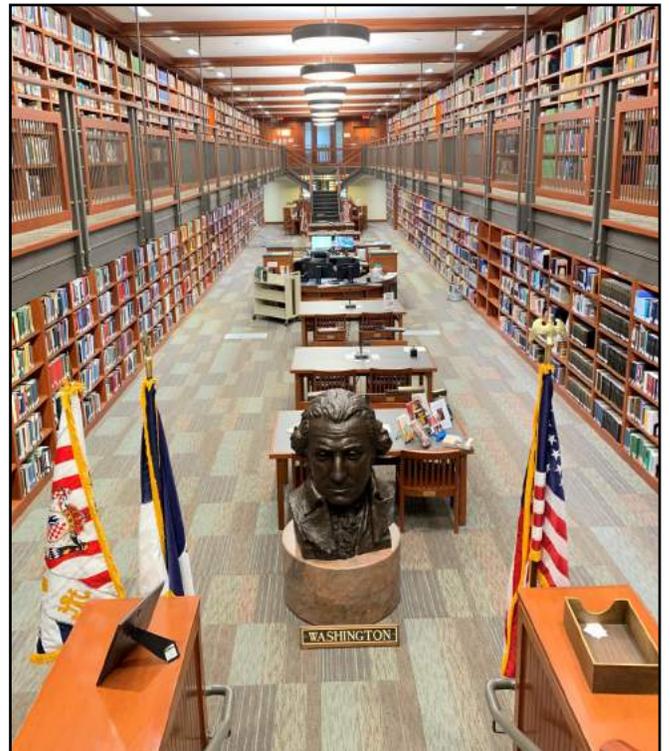
Membership dues of the Friends are distributed as follows:

60% goes into the Library Endowment Fund from which only the interest income may be used by the Library and,

40% goes directly to the Library Special Purpose Operating Fund.

The income from these funds is used to purchase non-budgeted items such as equipment, supplies and new technology, in addition to books, manuscripts and microforms.

Are you a member of the Friends of the SAR Library? If not, please join today. There is a form online at: https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/FOL-brochure_Revised-Aug-2021.pdf or you can donate online by scanning the QR code below.



What they wore and carried: A descriptive bibliography of Revolution-era weapons, clothing and accessories

Part 1 *Uniforms and clothing*

H.A. Ogden (illustrations), and H.L. Nelson (text). *Uniforms of the United States Army*. New York and London: 1959 (reprint of the 1888 original).

While the depictions of uniforms and equipment from later eras possess accuracy, the illustrations of U.S. uniforms from the Revolution appear horribly wrong in most cases. Particularly egregious are the stand-up collars.

Lt. Charles M. Lefferts. *Uniforms of the American, British, French and German Armies of the American Revolution, 1775-1783*. Greenwich, CT: WE, Inc. (no date)

Lefferts' book presents an original source on uniforms and equipment from the Revolution. Unfortunately, he based his descriptions of uniforms of continental and other types of formations fighting the allied British armies on newspaper accounts of what deserters wore when last seen. His treatment of the uniforms of the other combatants has been well received.

Colonel John R. Elting. *Military Uniforms in America, Vol. 1. The Era of the American Revolution, 1755-1795*. San Rafael, CA: 1974.

The Bicentennial of the American Revolution stimulated a number of studies of uniforms and equipment. The Company of Military Historians possesses a long and enviable reputation for outstanding scholarship and illustrations by leading artists of uniforms and equipment. This volume belongs on the shelf of any S.A.R. member who participates in our color guards or living history activities.

Philip Katcher. *Uniforms of the Continental Army*. York, Pennsylvania: George Shumway, Publisher, 1981. Philip Katcher, a distinguished scholar of colonial and revolutionary arms and equipment, produced this massive volume to provide detailed descriptions of patriot uniforms. To be read in tandem with the preceding study, there are a few illustrations other than from primary sources. Photographs of the author in "small clothes:" those worn under the outer garments provide a good idea of an authentic look. In addition, there is a great pattern for a hunting shirt and notes on sources should prove helpful. This book should be useful to any interested in a definitive description of the dress of soldiers throughout the war.

Robert L. Klinger assisted by Richard A. Wilder. *Sketchbook 76: The American Soldier, 1775-1781*. Union City, Tennessee: Pioneer Press, (Reprint, 1974), originally published, 1967.

By the late 1960s, interest in Living History activities migrated from the Civil War Centennial commemorations to the looming Bicentennial of the American Revolution. *Sketchbook 76* presented illustrations from clothing samples housed in mu-

seums and other collections. The text includes directions for enlarging patterns for clothing and equipment including shoes and cartridge boxes. For anyone interested in authenticity of impression, this book remains the essential source.

Harold L. Peterson. *The Book of the Continental Soldier: Being a Compleat (sic) Addount of the Uniforms, Weapons, and Equipment With Which He Lived and Fought*. Harrisburg, PA.: The Stackpole Company, 1968.

The sub-title says it all. The only criticism is the depiction of uniforms are on figures who are too clean! This source, which goes beyond clothing, remains the finest tool available for those who live far from museums and other collections. It is highly recommended.

Stuart Reid and Marko Zlatich. *Soldiers of the Revolutionary War*. Oxford, U.K.: Osprey Publishing, 2002.

Osprey, long a source of popular books on uniforms and equipment from the earliest times to the present, has produced a fine series on the colonial and Revolutionary periods which have received favorable reviews from noted scholars of the era. *Soldiers of the Revolutionary War* combines several older publications treating British and American (Loyalists and Revolutionaries) combatants. The section on Washington's forces combines information on Continental, local militia, and state units and their uniforms.

Robert L. Klinger. *Distaff Sketch Book: A Collection of Notes and Sketches on Women's Dress in America; 1774-1783*. Union City, Tennessee: Pioneer Press, 1974.

This is a fine introduction to women's 18th Century clothing. Klinger's book covers children's wear as well, and presents illustrations suitable for an authentic presentation. Like *Sketchbook '76*, clothing dimensions are displayed.

Don Troiani and James L. Kochan. *Soldiers of the American Revolution*. Guildford, CT.: Stackpole Books, 2007.P

Don Troiani and James L. Kochan. *Insignia of Independence: Military Buttons, Accoutrement Plates, and Gorgets of the American Revolution*. Gettysburg, PA: Thomas Publications, 2012.

Don Troiani, one of the foremost artists depicting American military history, and the writer, James L. Kochan, produced these elegantly constructed books after many years of research and collecting. Photographs of original items and illustrations by Troiani and others provide a near-complete picture of items carried or worn by the combatants during the Revolution.

Historical research is like medicine in one way: as time passes and we learn more, information may change. A comparison of these two volumes makes that point easy to understand.

Part 2 will explore weaponry from swords and pistols to muskets, rifles and cannon

—Bob England, Ph.D.

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NEWSLETTER OF THE ALSSAR

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—Photos courtesy of David Michael Martin

Wiregrass chapter, ALSSAR Color Guard honors 9-11 victims on 20th anniversary of attacks
The Wiregrass chapter, along with local leaders of the Enterprise community, sponsored their annual gathering at Henderson Park in remembrance of the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The ceremony featured a display of 2,977 flags for those who died in the attacks, placed by local ROTC, Scouts and volunteers, as well as speakers from local leaders, posting of the colors by the Alabama State SAR Color Guard and a firing of muskets and cannons by the Alabama State SAR Honor Guard and a local reenactment group.