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WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

The Alabama Society held its fall Board of Managers meeting at the American Village in Montevallo on Oct. 6, with 15 of the state's 16 chapters attending the event.

The most important topic of the meeting was a proposal, which was approved, to establish Alabama SAR as a prominent participant in carrying forth the mission of the American Village Citizen Trust. As the American Village is the premier site in Alabama for educating our youth about the American Revolution with an average 30,000 children having visited the site each year and as the Alabama Society has endeavored to become a major part of the American Village, this is a major achievement.

Look from the main campus of the American Village, across the Concord Bridge to the statue entitled the "Embattled Farmer," and up the crest of the hill, you will see the Alabama SAR contribution to the children of Alabama. Our proposal includes a series of three flagpoles to be erected. There will be a Betsy Ross, George Washington's Headquarters, and Alabama flag. The American Village is preparing to have a statue of a kneeling Gen. George Washington placed with the flags in December. There are plans for a dedication plaque from the Alabama Society and two quotation/memorial plaques (one on each flagpole base). The plan is to have the dedication on George Washington's birthday (Feb. 22, 2019) in a ceremony at the American Village.

The cost of this project is estimated to be \$13,000. The George Washington Endowment Fund has generously provided \$6,000 but that still leaves the Alabama Society to raise \$7000. The ladies' auxiliary of the Alabama Society made the first contribution to this project in the amount of \$1,000. The Thomas L. Turner Charitable Trust has generously donated \$1,000 to this project. In addition, an additional \$1,000 funds have been donated by individuals with more promised. I encourage every chapter to raise the funds we need to finish this project. If we can get 50 members to donate \$100 each then we will have this project fully funded. Any chapter or individual contributing \$500 or more will be given special recognition as a Patron.

Please make your check out to the ALSSAR, mark for "American Village Project (AVP)" and mail to "John Van Zandt, Treasurer, P. O. Box 434, Fairhope, Al.36533-0434

This project will be seen by thousands of visitors and children and will have the same impact as a new building but at 1/100th the cost. If we come in under budget or raise more than we need, we will add to this project or fund an entirely new one. The money will not be used for the general operating costs. Please join me in making sure the Alabama Society's legacy at the American Village will be talked about for years to come.

Yours in Patriotism

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