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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Compatriots,
I hope all of you had a great summer and am as glad as I am to welcome fall and cooler weather. This past Saturday, the ALSSAR fall Board of Managers meeting was held in Columbiana. We had a very good meeting and a number of important things were accomplished.

I continue to be inspired and humbled by the dedication of so many ALSSAR members who give countless hours of their time in conducting the business of your society. Without the willingness of these individuals to serve, our state society could not survive.

Each and every one of these compatriots serves with deep personal conviction, trying to do what they feel in their heart is in the best interest of your society.

As is the case of any group of individuals, we are not always in 100 percent agreement. Such was the case this past Saturday. But even though we may vote on a given issue differently, everyone still leaves as they came, brothers in the Sons of the American Revolution.

We will always differ, because none of us sees the world in the same way, but as long as we never

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Changes in by-laws, national candidates debated by board

Proposed changes in the ALSSAR by-laws and constitution and the endorsement of national candidates for 2004 were the hottest topics at the fall Board of Managers meeting in Columbiana on Oct. 24.

Lee Swart, past ALSSAR president and currently a member of three NSSAR committees, recommended that several by-laws be amended to bring the organization's constitution up to date.

Among the changes are the requirements for forming a new chapter, setting a minimum

number of required meetings for each chapter and changing the role of the state genealogist.

A copy of the proposed changes will be included in the December newsletter. The changes will be voted on at the 2004 ALSSAR convention in February.

The Board of Managers meeting, which includes at least two members from each of the state's 15 chapters as well as the state officers, also discussed the candidates for national office.

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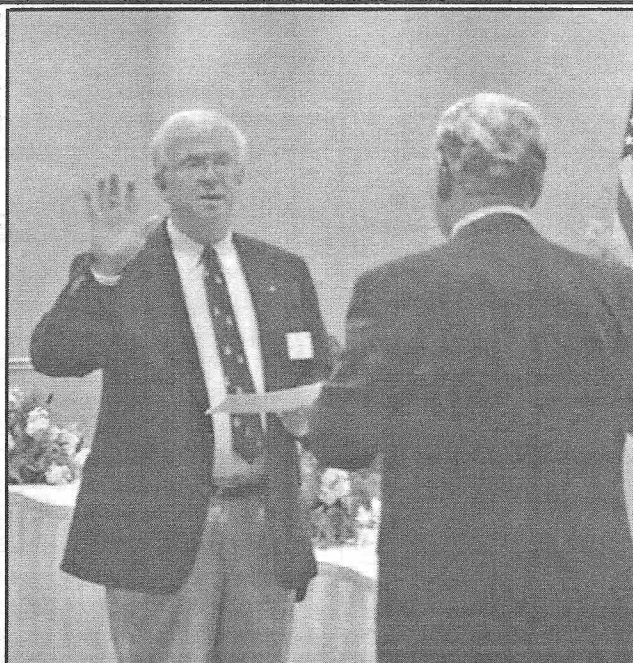
SAR kicks off campaign for new research library

The National Society is currently in the process of raising funds for the construction of the new Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville, Ky.

This NSSAR center goes well beyond the concept of a premier genealogical research library and will eventually be involved in the development of historically accurate school lesson plans, have high speed computer links, and the capability to export programs on our heritage to schools along with meeting facilities.

Solicitations for construction bids will be mailed on Nov. 1 and it is hoped that the initial contracts will be ready for signing at the spring trustees' meeting. In

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—Photo courtesy of John Bowling

Cahaba-Coosa institution ceremony

Bobby Joe Seales of Alabaster is installed as president of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter at a ceremony honoring the ALSSAR's newest chapter on Aug. 22 at the Pelham Civic Center. See story, page 3.

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