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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Compatriots,
"Honor Our Forefathers Who Gave Us Our Freedom And Teach Our Children the Values and Cost of Freedom"

There are some matters that are important to all of us. First of all there are the matters of the dates and places several of you have already asked -- the Board of Managers (BOM) and the state convention. We arrive at the BOM at 9:30 a.m. or so with the meeting starting at 10 a.m. The fine ladies of the Auxiliary have provided us lunch of which we are always grateful.

The dates and places are as follows: the fall BOM is at the Columbi- ana Court House on Sept. 14. Also, we have set the date for our Alabama Society Convention for Feb. 14-15, 2014, in Dothan.

The convention hotel is the Clarion Inn and Suites, 2195 Ross Clark Circle SE, Dothan, 36301. Phone: (334) 794-8711 or toll free at (800) 777-6611; FAX: (334) 671-3781. E-mail: CIS-DOTHAN@LBAPROPERTIES.COM. Their Web site is www.clariondothan.com. It is located at the corner of Highway 84 and Highway 231. We are trying to keep the cost down and more will be coming to you at a later date.

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Cahaba-Coosa prepares for celebration

The Cahaba-Coosa chapter is planning a special celebration to honor its 10th anniversary on Aug. 22 at the American Village's Liberty Hall.

All charter members are encouraged to attend and all past presidents will be included as part of the event.

The featured speaker, Gov. Robert Bentley, will be inducted into the Cahaba-Coosa chapter as part of the ceremony.

Bentley, a Shelby County native, is the second consecutive governor inducted into the ALS-SAR after former Gov. Bob Riley was inducted into the Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter in 2010.

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ALSSAR president Marvin Vickers will induct Bentley into the organization on behalf of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter.

ALSSAR vice-president Bobby Joe Seales, the first president of the chapter, will present Bentley with the SAR Good Citizenship Medal and certificate after his induction.

Seating is limited to 300. The deadline for SAR members to send in their reservation form and check is Aug. 5. After that, any remaining seats will be available to the public.



—Photo by Carl Thornton

Cleanup day

Volunteers from the Sons of Liberty chapter participate in "cleanup day" on June 12 at Old Nebo Cemetery near Vernon in honor of Revolutionary War patriot Thomas Stanford, whose descendants are buried in the cemetery and where the DAR placed a memorial marker to Stanford in 1993.

ALSSAR discusses national policies at BOM

The spring Board of Managers meeting was held at the American Village on April 27, with 37 compatriots and ALS-SAR officers selecting the delegation to the 2013 Congress in Kansas City and discussing the national guidelines that are required for each state society to maintain its non-profit status relating to the Internal Revenue Code.

The 14 compatriots who

volunteered to be delegates were Walter Stevenson Jr., John Wallace, Bruce Pickette, Bill Stone, Richard Wells; Rod Hildreth, Fred Olive III, Bruce Buehler; O. Lee Swart, Bobby Joe Seales, Marvin Vickers Jr., C. W. Posey Jr., and William N. Biase II (contingent delegate).

C. W. Posey spoke on behalf of national trustee Dave Billings. A motion was made

by Posey (and seconded by John Thomas) to support the Texas Society's changes to amend By-Laws. During discussion a number of questions were raised and concerns for the legality of some of the proposed changes were voiced. The motion was then withdrawn. The National Trustee Report was then accepted without action.

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I have already visited several chapters and have been the speaker and have accomplished several installation services for new officers. There are some things that I have observed that I would like to pass along. It seems that the chapters are well run and a proud addition to their communities. I would say, "Keep up the good work reminding our communities of their history and the work of their ancestors."

All over Alabama our children are not taught about their history and what their ancestors did to make our country great. I have been impressed by our Children of the American Revolution (CAR) and their resolve to get the history to their peers through the schools, churches and communities. We adults could learn a few things from our children here.

We are going to the Congress in Kansas and as you read this we will have already gone. We look forward to our own Library General Mike Wells being given the "Minuteman" at the Congress. Both Genealogist General Larry Cornwell and Library General Mike Wells have officially been nominated for their third term for their respective offices.

We are authorized 22 delegates to this Congress in addition to the General Officers and the Trustee. Unfortunately we have only 13, besides our General Officers and the Trustee, that are going and that leaves us with nine vacancies. That is leaving others to determine our fate as far as Congress goes. There are some important things happening to our By-Laws. But I am sure the expense and distance are factors. Maybe it's time to think about Congress being every two years!

I want to reiterate what I said in the first newsletter, so I will just list it again.

Friends of SAR Library is an area I want to plug hard. As a society of well over 1,000, we have increased the number somewhat but we are still very low on Friends of the SAR Library. When you consider it only takes \$25 to become a "Friend," well, you know what I mean. We can do better. Let us continue to make a considered attempt to support our own SAR Library.

Center for Advancing America's Heritage (C.A.A.H) is another area where we look bad but not as bad as the Friends of SAR Library. The stats are about the same as last report. We have a little way to go to complete our Main Street building.

"The next two years are vital to accumulate the capital needed to avoid debt financing to complete the work. The primary source of funds continues to be the generosity of the compatriot membership. Contributions of any amount, from as many compatriots as possible, must be at the heart of the campaign," says campaign chairman Lanny R. Patten.

We have given to the C.A.A.H. approximately \$102,303 in the past or about \$97 per member. Our goal is \$250 and we are a long way from that figure. One hundred seventy-three (173) members of the ALS-SAR have given to C.A.A.H. and that adds up to about 16 percent. This next year we can increase this figure by your giving to this worthwhile program.

Another program is the George Washington Endowment Fund. The brochure says, "The George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF) Board was established by the SAR Executive Committee and approved by the Trustees during the meeting of February 27, 1993. This action followed two years of work by a special Task Force that had been asked to evaluate and propose a plan for NSSAR to provide

for the following:

Establish a permanently restricted fund, the income of which will provide adequate financial contributions for support of NSSAR unfunded and underfunded committees and special projects, and

Provide for the equitable distribution of funds.

The George Washington Endowment Fund is financed by gifts from members and friends of the SAR. Remember 100 percent of your donation goes into the permanent fund. Only 80 percent of the income from the fund will be spent each year.

Individuals donating \$1,000 or more are recognized as George Washington Fellows. Gifts may be paid in a lump sum amount or in installments of \$200 or more annually over a five-year period. Each person recognized as a GW Fellow shall receive a distinctive lapel pin and certificate denoting his status."

One other pet of mine is the Flag Certificate. This does not cost any money but just a little time. I encourage each of you, when we are about our communities, to see if we can recognize our neighbors with a Flag Certificate.

Organizations or persons who display the United States Flag properly can receive a Flag Certificate. You make out a Flag Certificate, make an appointment, and give it to them.

You may even have the news media present. That will be a good news article for the community, your chapter, the ALS-SAR and the NSSAR. You can do this as often as you wish. Oh, by the way, keep a record and report the event to the BOM and we will report it to National.

More to come in the next newsletter after the National Congress in July.

—Marvin Vickers

BOM

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By-Laws committee chairman Perry Vickers reported that in the last week questions were brought to his attention about motions that were tabled at the state convention. While these motions cannot be taken off the table until the next convention, it was noted that the documents can be submitted as policy. He then made a motion these be considered at the fall meeting.

After the motion was seconded, Bruce Pickette discussed the three policies (records retention, whistle-blower, conflict of interest) mentioned by the National Society and how there are templates and information available on the national web site. The question was called and the motion passed. ALSSAR president Marvin Vickers directed that the documents under discussion are to be published in the newsletter so that they can be studied by membership prior to the fall BOM meeting.

Compatriot John Curry of the American Village described the new construction of a replica of Carpenter's Hall that will be the

National Veterans Shrine, including a web site that will collect information relating to all military veterans. Vickers presented a \$150 check to the American Village on behalf of the ALSSAR.

NSSAR Genealogist General Larry Cornwell requested that the Alabama Society vote to send a proposed national by-laws change that deals with valid lineages for new SAR members. A motion that these changes to By-Law 1, Section 5 be submitted to the Secretary General for consideration at the national congress was made by compatriot Cornwell. After discussion the motion passed.

Ron Bearden urged all chapters to check and be sure that applications for membership are "review ready." He suggested that the Alabama Society web site has useful membership under the pull down menu labeled: "Society Membership-Research Tips."

Past president C. W. Posey handled some unfinished business by recognizing three new emeritus members: Robert W. Poellnitz, Black Warrior chapter; Willard McCall Jr., Birmingham chapter; and Benjamin M. Childers, an at-large member.

ALSSAR assists DAR in Sumter Co. grave marking

Members of the ALSSAR, including state president Marvin Vickers, joined forces with the Bigbee Valley chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to mark the grave of Revolutionary War patriot Randel Jackson in a ceremony at the Sumterville Methodist Church cemetery in Sumter County on May 11.

More than 200 participants and guests gathered afterward for a barbecue lunch at a renovated school house to celebrate the event.

Vickers placed a state wreath at the site and was joined by several ALSSAR representatives, including Wiregrass chapter compatriot Malon Murphy and the ALSSAR Color Guard under the direction of Tom Smith. Jackson was born on Oct. 17, 1763 in Brunswick County, Va., and died July 17, 1839 in Sumter County.

The event marked the culmination of almost two years of work on the part of the local DAR chapter and local groups and individuals in rescuing the 5 1/2-acre cemetery, which was overgrown with vegetation and had broken and toppled tombstones.

Participants included Dr. Brian Keener, Joan Rundles, University of West Alabama Interfraternity Council, Richard Hester, Dee Dial, Joe Dial, Burton Fuller, Brian Mast, Gump and Virginia Ozment and family, the Charles McGough family, the Sumter Academy Community Service Volunteers, the Killingsworth/Ivey/Blount family, the DAR chapter members and their families, as well as citizens of Old Town Sumterville.

Also serving in the color guard was local historian Brian Mast, who was attired in a replica of his ancestor's military uniform.



—Photo courtesy of Marvin Vickers

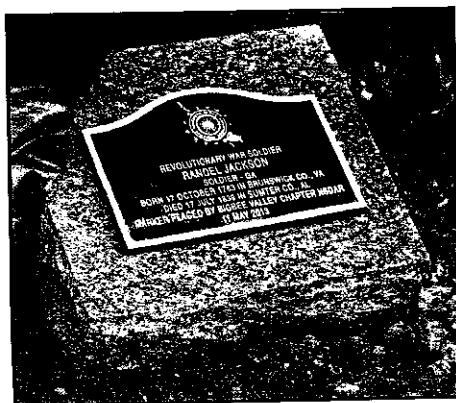
ALSSAR president Marvin Vickers placed the state wreath on Randel Jackson's grave in May ceremony at Sumterville Methodist Church.

Descendants of the patriot unveiled the bronze marker placed on the grave.

The Bigbee Valley chapter also celebrated its 100th anniversary of the founding of its chapter, which was chartered on May 15, 1913.

In honor of the founders, the Livingston chapter's current members dressed in period costume for the Jackson grave marking ceremony.

Guests from as far away as Utah attended the event.



—Photos courtesy of Marvin Vickers

Members of the SAR color guard, above, assist the DAR's Bigbee Valley chapter in placing the new marker, left, on Revolutionary War patriot Randel Jackson's grave.

In Memory...

Thomas Frank Moring George E. Meriwether II

The Alabama Society recently lost another World War II veteran with the passing of Tennessee Valley chapter compatriot T. Frank Moring.

THOMAS FRANK MORRING passed away on June 7 at the age of 89. Moring was born in Ryland in Madison County on Nov. 1, 1923. He served in World War II in the U.S. Army, spending three years overseas in Greenland. After his service in World War II, he graduated in 1948 from the University of Alabama. He was employed by NASA at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville. He was named a Sloan Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received a Masters of Science degree from M.I.T. in industrial management.

After his retirement from government service, Moring was active in public service for both the city of Huntsville and the state, serving on the Huntsville-Madison County Library Board, the Von Braun Civic Center Board, the Huntsville-Madison County Convention & Visitors Board and the Board of the Alabama State Arts Hall of Fame.

He also served as chairman and vice chairman of the Alabama State Council of the Arts and on the advisory committee to the Alabama School of Fine Arts.

Moring served as Lt. Governor of the Alabama Division of Kiwanis International and was president of the Huntsville Kiwanis Club. He served two terms as a member of the vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Huntsville. He served

as a board member of the YMCA in Huntsville for more than 20 years.

Moring was awarded the SAR War Service Medal by the Tennessee Valley chapter on April 9, 2012 for his service in the Army in World War II.

Moring is survived by a son, Frank Moring Jr., of Washington, D.C., a daughter, Camille Salisbury of Charlotte, N. C., and a brother, Carl A. Moring Jr., of Huntsville, as well as several grandchildren.

Services were held at the Church of the Nativity on June 10 with burial in Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville.

GEORGE E. MERIWETHER II, a longtime member of the Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter, also passed away in June.

Meriwether, a lifelong resident of Montgomery, passed away on June 25 after an extended battle with Parkinsons.

A graduate of Starke University and The Citadel, he was an active member of Dalraida United Methodist Church and the Montgomery Civitan Club as well as the Sons of American Revolution and Sons of Confederate Veterans.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Sarah W. Meriwether; son, George E. Meriwether III; and grandchildren Leah Meriwether and Tyler Kennedy.

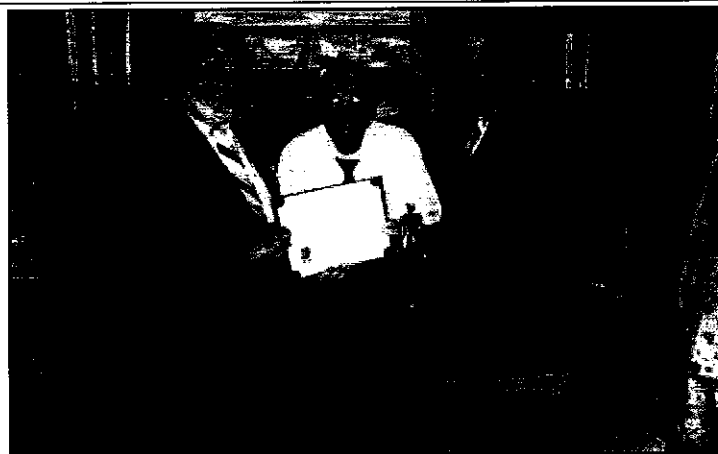
Services were held at Dalraida United Methodist Church on June 28.



—Photo courtesy of Jeff Coker

Cheaha chapter installs officers for 13-14

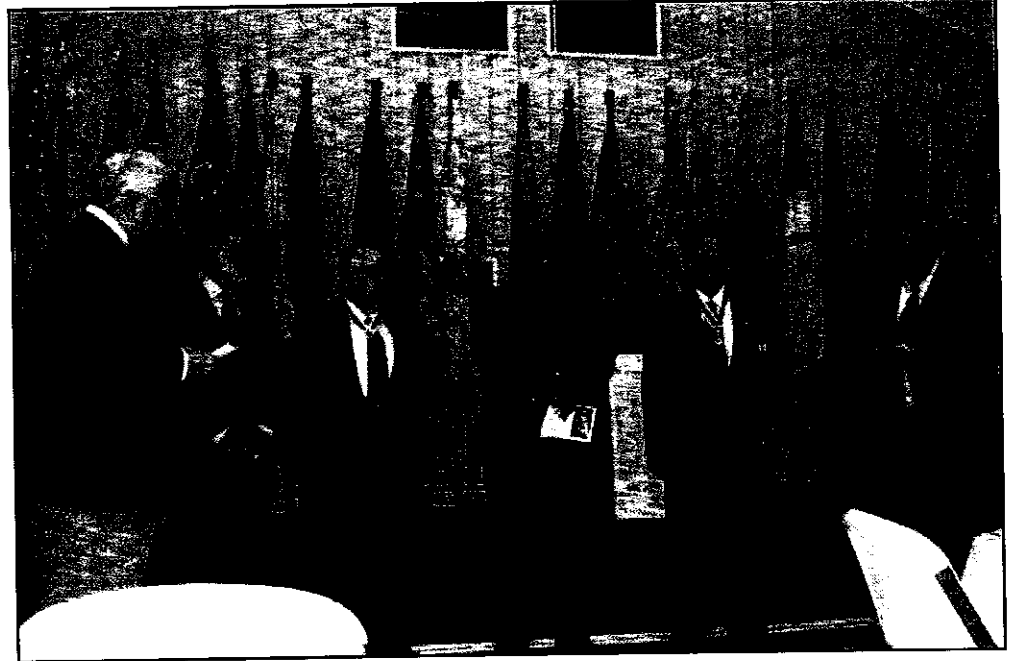
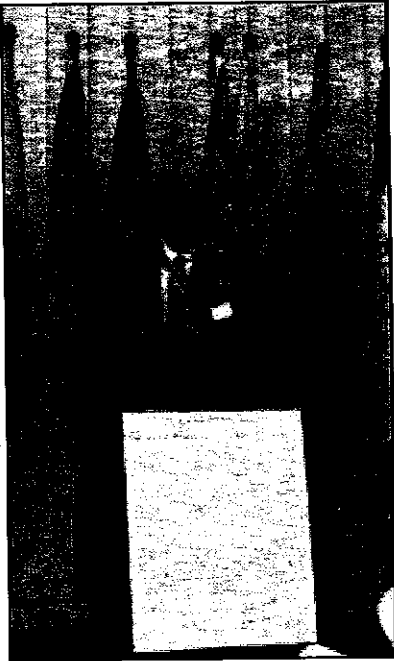
New president Robert Folsom, left, receives the gavel from outgoing president Jeff Coker as the Cheaha chapter installed officers for 2013-14 at their May 8 meeting. In addition to Folsom, the officers are William Edward Killgore, vice president; William Houston Rozier, secretary; Rev. R. Jefferson Coker, treasurer and chaplain; Charles Lloyd Dinsmore Jr., registrar; Charles Samuel Howell, genealogist; William Lee Phillips Jr., historian; Hon. John Charles Thomason, chancellor; and Edwin Mac Smith, sergeant-at-arms.



—Photo courtesy of Jeff Coker

Cheaha chapter honors World War II veteran

The SAR War Service Medal was recently presented to World War II veteran and Cheaha chapter member Frank Augustus Boullemet, a member of the 8th Air Force who flew 33 mission over Germany as an enlisted bombardier and one to drop food over Amsterdam, Holland. Boullemet received the medal and certificate from Cheaha medals chairman Ed Killgore and chapter president Jeff Coker.



—Photos courtesy of San Gambrell

Black Warrior River chapter installs new officers for 2013

ALSSAR vice-president Bobby Joe Seales, above left, was the featured speaker at the May 2 meeting of the Black Warrior River chapter, which included the installation of new officers, above right. Seales spoke on "Signatures on the Declaration of Independence," which included information on his wife's ancestor, George Walton, one of three signers from Georgia. Later, Seales would install, from left: president James Dunn, vice-president Kerry Barksdale, secretary-treasurer Craig Patterson, registrar Tony Neathery and sergeant-at-arms Joe Banks amidst the backdrop of compatriot Walter Dockery's flag display.

Tennessee Valley, Shoals chapters honor 5 Revolutionary soldiers

On April 14, the Tennessee Valley chapter color guard participated in a state color guard event at the Rock Springs Presbyterian Church in Mount Hope.

The event was organized by the Shoals chapter and honored five Revolutionary War soldiers buried in the Rock Springs Presbyterian Church cemetery.

The soldiers are William Lackey, private, Virginia and South Carolina Continental Line; Abraham Horton, private, Pennsylvania Continental line; Samuel McGaughey, captain, North Carolina Militia; John McWhorter, private, North Carolina Militia; and Hugh Stephenson, who fought alongside his father at the battle of Kings Mountain at age 15.

Also participating in the ceremony were the George Colbert and Stephens DAR chapters of Tuscumbia and Decatur, respectively.

ALSSAR president Rev. Marvin Vickers spoke at the ceremony on behalf of the state society. The Shoals post of the American Legion and area Boy Scouts also participated in the event.

—George Royer



—Photo courtesy of George Royer

ALSSAR president Marvin Vickers, far left, is joined by Tennessee color guard members Jim Maples, Hoyt Smith, Hal Thornton, Bob Anderson, Harrell Phillips, James Smith, Connie Cook, Bob Baccus and Cahaba-Coosa color guard member William Wyatt, second from left.

Historian, author James Morris entertains Gen. Galvez chapter

The Gen. Galvez chapter held its monthly meeting at Bass Pro Shop in Daphne with 20 members and guests in attendance.

The featured speaker was author, historian, and speaker Dr. James M. Morris. Morris, a history professor emeritus at Cincinnati, recently provided a week of presentations on World War II at the Daphne Convention Center, drawing audiences of 115 to 175 people each day. His topic was "British Strategy during the Revolutionary War," and Morris taught many of the compatriots things the war they did not know. He was an outstanding speaker and we were privileged to have him as our guest.

The chapter is planning a tour of the Spanish and Civil War forts in our area in the near future. Also, the chapter supported the General Galvez festivities in Pensacola at Fort George recently.

Naval officer Wesley Odom was the featured speaker at the May chapter meeting. The financial advisor, historian and author of "The Longest Siege of the American Revolution," talked about the 61-day siege that included the Battle of Pensacola. The battle was led Gen. Bernardo de Galvez, who was fresh from victories at Mobile and Spanish Fort.

Odom, an SAR compatriot who lives in Pensacola, shared several little known facts about our area during this time period. The 14th and 15th colonies were East and West Florida. These two include the Gulf coast from Florida to Louisiana and they voted not to rebel against Britain. For this vote the inhabitants were exempt from all taxes for 10 years. Wesley's book is filled with historical facts concerning our area during the Revolutionary War. His book is highly recommended for history buffs.

Also at the May meeting, prospective new members John and Mark McLean furnished their proof of ancestry and will be submitting their completed applications in the very near future. Edmon McKinley is awaiting approval of his application. All ROTC medals have been presented to the respective cadets at each participating high school and university. An update on the SAR State board of managers meeting was given by Price Legg.

The guest speaker for April's meeting was the world renowned artist and sculptor Dean Mosher. He is famous for his historical and military art, including John Paul Jones, The Battle of Mobile Bay, Naval Battles of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and Civil War. He recently painted the Armed Forces Tribute in the administration building at the new Veterans' Cemetery at Spanish Fort.

At the meeting, he presented a painting titled "Wilbur Wright Greets Lady Liberty." It was a recreation of Wilbur Wright's flight around the statue of Liberty in New York. There have been other attempts to recreate this historical event but all the others were for the most part, artists' creations and fall woefully short on accuracy and truth.

At the March meeting, the chapter formally inducted Michael Reid into the SAR. Afterwards, Reid gave a brief history of his patriot ancestor's service during the Revolutionary War.

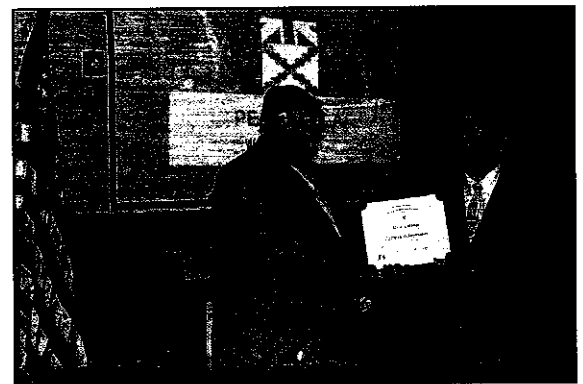
The guest speaker was Bill Cody, former All American football player at Auburn and former NFL middle linebacker as well as an automobile dealer, executive, trainer and photography expert. Known as "Wild Bill" in his playing days, he was one of the original New Orleans Saints. He also played for the Detroit Lions and Philadelphia Eagles. Employed in the automobile industry for more than 30 years, Cody's father was a career Army Air Corps/Air Force U2 pilot. Cody had a great story to tell and is an excellent speaker.

—Mike Glass



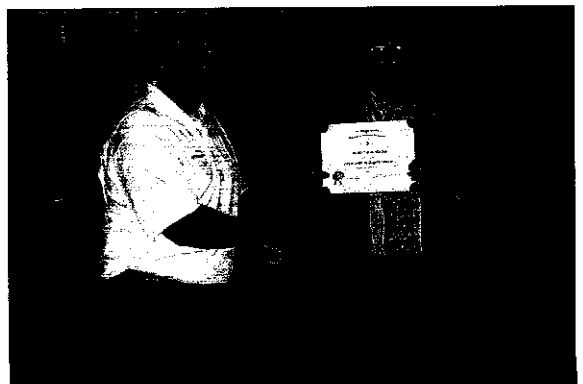
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Above, James Morris was the June speaker; below, Gen. Galvez president Jack Dwyer (left) and Wesley Odom.



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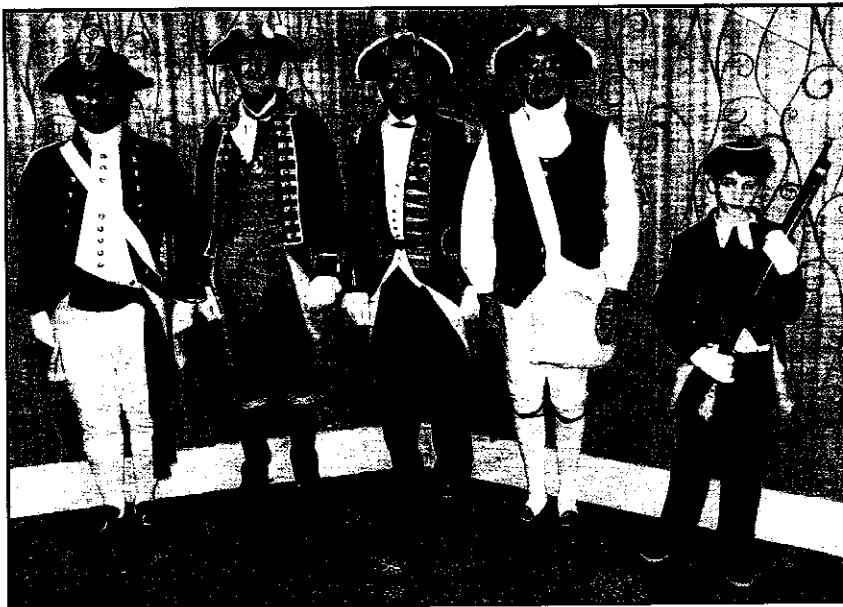
Above, Dwyer (left) and Dean Mosher at April meeting; below, Dwyer (right) and Bill Cody at March meeting.



—Photo courtesy of Bruce Pickette

Chapter color guard helps Daughters

Members of the Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter performed color guard duties at the opening of the annual meeting of the Alabama State Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists on Feb. 16 in Auburn. The "Daughters" had requested the Richard Henry Lee chapter present the colors and in turn the chapter requested the assistance of the Montgomery chapter. Pictured, from left: Tom Smith, color guard commander Larry Cornwell, Bruce Pickette, Jack Caraway and William Miller. Miller is a Junior member of the chapter.



Montgomery chapter adds new members, Internet site

At the Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter's April meeting, chapter president Philip Davis inducted two new members into the chapter and the chapter announced its new Internet site.

Dr. Daniel Lee Haulman and Dr. Charles Harry Woernle, both of Montgomery, were inducted and presented with membership certificates and SAR rosettes by Davis at the April 17 meeting. Haulman is descended from patriot ancestor Pierre Firmin Breaux who performed military service in support of the American Revolution as a soldier in the Attakapas Militia under Capt. Augustin Grevenberg's Company formed by Gov. Bernardo de Galvez.

Woernle also accepted membership certificates on behalf of his sons, Mark Spencer Woernle of Auburn, and Keith Charles Woernle, who lives in California. They descended from patriot ancestor Henry Arndt who performed military service in support of the American Revolution as a soldier in the Pennsylvania militia.

Vice President William Doyle "Sky" King introduced the featured speaker, Dr. John Eidesmoe, who spoke on the "Life and Legacy of our third president, Thomas Jefferson." After the presentation a memento was given to the speaker by King.

Compatriot Walter Stevenson introduced prospective members William Kirkland of Montgomery, who has submitted his membership application, and Greg Holston of Montgomery.

Compatriots Bruce Pickette and Stevenson announced the creation of a chapter unique internet domain and subsequent development of the Gen. Richard Montgomery internet web site. The internet web site address is sarmontgomeryal.org. The chapter approved an additional \$250 for a three-year period for computer hosting and storage service. This will provide control by the chapter, including timely updating and inclusion of an expanded internet presence for the chapter. The chapter will be entirely maintained by chapter members.

King briefly discussed the JROTC program he attended and represented the chapter at Robert E. Lee High School in Montgomery and the new Thomas Jefferson Medal, awarded for a \$250 contribution to the National Society's Knight Essay pro-

gram. A motion was made and passed to set the chapter youth poster contest monetary awards at \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place.

Davis announced compatriot Jim Meacham has accepted the office of chapter chaplain for the remainder of the year and compatriot Tom Smith agreed to be the chapter committee chairman for both the Orations and Knight Essay contests.



—Photo courtesy of Dick Erickson

Chapter participates in citizenship ceremony

On July 2, 25 candidates for naturalization from 19 countries took an oath of allegiance to the United States to become a citizen of this country. The Hon. Wallace Capel Jr., U.S. magistrate for the Middle District of Alabama, presided. After the oath, he gave remarks on the rights and duties of citizens, then asked representatives from the DAR and SAR, as invited guests, to address the new citizens. Pictured above are new citizen Florian Weber, Capel and Richard Montgomery compatriot Richard Erickson.

Galvez chapter posthumously honors Baldwin deputy

The General Galvez chapter posthumously honored deputy Scott Jeffrey Ward of the Baldwin County Sheriff's Department for his selfless commitment to his community, defending our freedoms and values even at the cost of his life on Nov. 23, 2012.

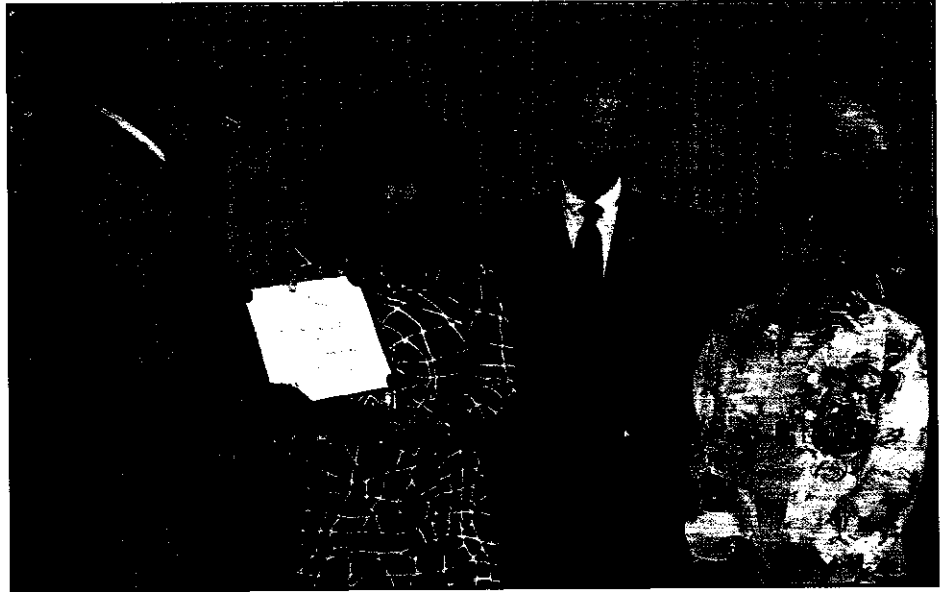
The SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and certificate was presented to Ward's widow, Andrea E. Ward, by Gen. Galvez chapter president Dr. Jack Dwyer at the Baldwin County Commission meeting on April 16.

Also present for the presentation was deputy Ward's mother, Cheryl Ward, Sheriff Huey Mack and John Goss, Law Enforcement Committee chairman of the chapter.

Ward, 47, was one of three deputies who answered a family disturbance call in Marlow on Nov. 23 involving Michael Jansen. Jansen and Ward were killed in the exchange of gunfire and another deputy was wounded.

Jansen had a history of mental illness and officers had responded to disturbance calls involving him in the past.

Ward was a former Prichard police officer who had been with the sheriff's department for more than 15 years, working in investigations and with the department's SWAT unit. He had also served the department as a defensive tactical instructor. A member of the U.S.



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

Gen. Galvez chapter president Jack Dwyer, left, makes presentation to Andrea Ward as Sheriff Huey Mack, Galvez compatriot John Goss (far right) and Cheryl Ward look on.

Coast Guard Reserve, Ward had been recently deployed to Afghanistan.

The General Galvez chapter has 63 members who are direct descendants of Revolutionary War patriots and serves both Mobile and Baldwin counties. Our chapter goals include encouraging patri-

otism, citizenship, honesty, and respect for the freedoms and values earned by our forefathers. The General Galvez chapter is privileged to honor deputy Scott Ward for defending the freedoms and values we hold so dearly.

—Leroy McGaughey

Birmingham chapter joins other states in grave marking

The Birmingham chapter joined representatives from Mississippi and Louisiana on May 4 to mark the grave of Lazarus Reeves, a Revolutionary War soldier buried in Summit, Miss.

George Brown, a descendant of Lazarus Reeves, is a member of the Birmingham chapter and his cousin, Kay Brown Allred, is a past regent of the Judith Robinson DAR chapter in McComb, Miss.

Lazarus Reeves and his wife are buried on land he owned and the land is still owned by some of his descendants.

John Taylor, Vice President General of the Southern District, presented a district

wreath, while Gerry Brent, president of the Mississippi Society, presented a wreath from the Mississippi Sons of the American Revolution.

In addition, John Wallace presented a wreath from the Alabama Society, Steve Ray presented a wreath from the Louisiana Society and a wreath from the James Hügey chapter was also presented.

Birmingham chapter president Bill Clement gave the remarks dedicating the marker.

The event was attended by 49 people, including SAR members, DAR members and several descendants of Lazarus Reeves.

—Bill Clement



—Photo courtesy of Bill Clement

Members of the Louisiana Society Color Guard present the colors at Lazarus Reeves' grave marking.



Cahaba-Coosa Chapter
 [Shelby County]
Alabama Society
Sons of the American Revolution
10 Year Charter Anniversary
August 22, 2013

The Cahaba-Coosa Chapter, Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution cordially invites you to join in the celebration of their 10 Year Charter Anniversary on Thursday, August 22, 2013, at The American Village [3727 Highway 119, Montevallo, AL] in Liberty Hall. From 6:00pm-7:00pm will be the Reception, the Program and Dinner will begin at 7:00pm. *Uniform or Coat and Tie ... Appropriate Dress for Ladies.*

The Guest Speaker for the evening will be
ALABAMA GOVERNOR ROBERT J. BENTLEY

Gov. Bentley, a native of Shelby County Alabama, will be inducted into the ALSSAR during this Anniversary Celebration. It is an honor for ALSSAR to welcome the sitting governor as a fellow compatriot. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our newest member.

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

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[For additional information please contact Bobby Joe Seales ... bjseales@bellsouth.net ... (205) 902-6383]

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 Mail to: R. Glenn Nivens, P.O. Box 203, Harpersville, AL 35078-0203

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 Special Rate of \$99.00 (plus tax) for either King or Queen Double mention "ALSSAR" when making reservation
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"Our inspiration is from the past; Our hope is in the future; Our duty is in the present."

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Please keep your fellow compatriots informed by submitting information about your chapter for the next newsletter to timgaylesar@gmail.com or mail information about your chapter's activities or upcoming events by Sept. 10 to Tim Gayle at 3104 Cabot Street, Montgomery, AL 36110.

Birmingham chapter restores damaged patriot marker

The Birmingham chapter joined forces with the DAR, the Pinson Historical Society, friends and descendants of Lt. Edward Tatum in a grave marking ceremony at the Baird-Tatum cemetery in Pinson on June 8.

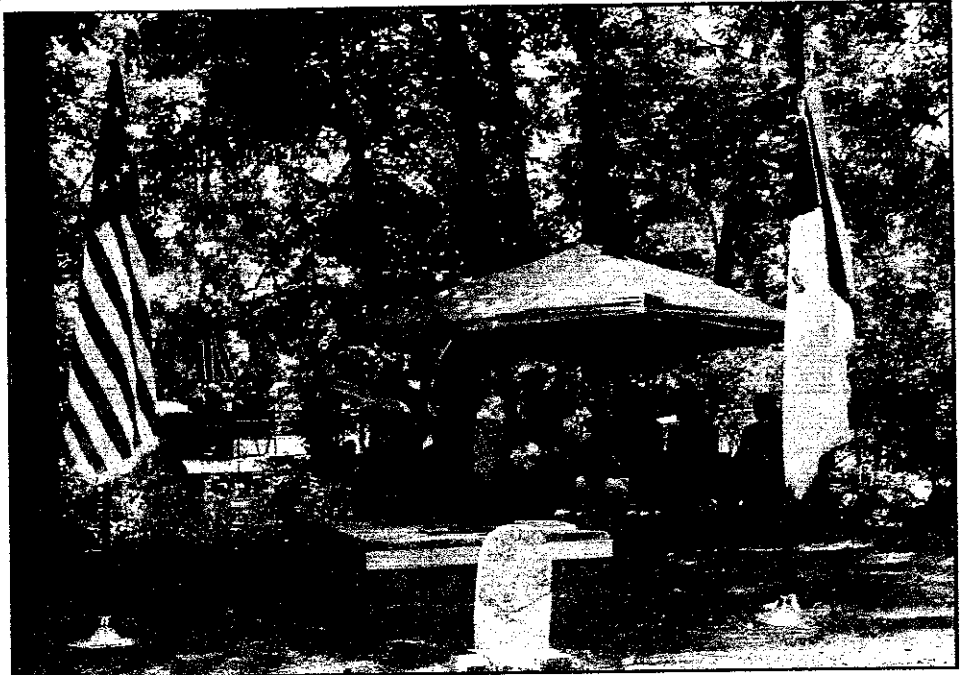
The Revolutionary War soldier's grave stone had been severally damaged by a falling giant oak limb during a storm. The grave and the marker had to be restored by a professional grave restorer.

Lt. Edward Tatum of Henry County, Va., served in the Virginia Militia under the command of Col. Abram Penn and fought at the Battle of Gilford Courthouse, N.C., in March 1781.

He also fought at Eutaw Springs, S.C., and at Yorktown where Lord Cornwallis surrendered his command.

Tatum also furnished supplies in assistance of the Revolution on April 23, 1782.

Approximately 80 people attended the ceremony, and afterwards a reception was provided by the Pinson Historical Society.



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Birmingham chapter president Bill Clement delivers remarks at the grave marking ceremony of Lt. Edward Tatum in Pinson on June 8.