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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Compatriots,

We had a good Board of Managers meeting at the Montgomery Country Club, thanks to the help of Col. Larry Cornwell. National delegates were selected and if all make it to the national Congress, Alabama will be well represented.

This Congress may prove to be very controversial since there are several officer positions being sought by more than one candidate, in particular the office of President General.

Regardless of the outcome, I and many others hope that it will not impact the SAR negatively. We need each other if we are to remain a strong and viable organization.

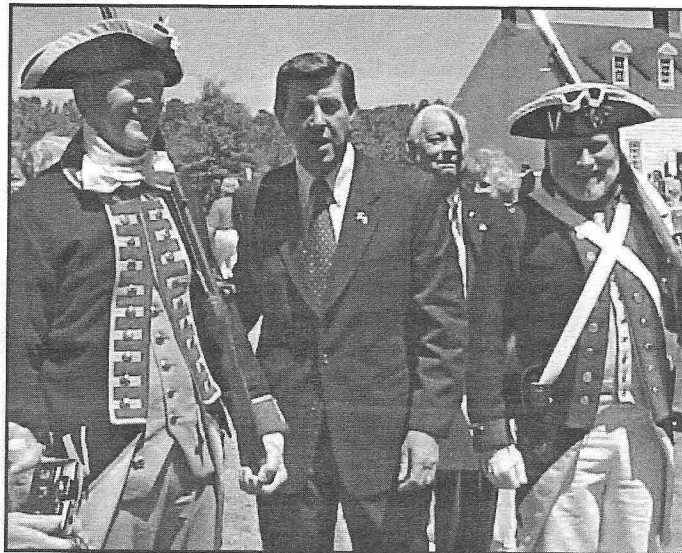
Since the Board of Managers in May I have visited two chapters and participated in two DAR functions plus a grave marking. I hope everyone has seen the pictures and the article about the John Cox grave marking ceremony at Grove Hill.

Bud McDonald and our color guard did a great job. In fact, there were many individuals evolved with this endeavor, a true team effort.

Our next Board of Managers will be Oct. 2, 2004 at 10 a.m. at American Village. Please plan on attending. Each chapter should have at least one officer present. Each chapter has to know what is going on and participate in the decision making process at the state level.

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ALSSAR, Gov. Riley lay cornerstone of liberty in Patriots Day ceremony



—Photo courtesy of Larry Cornwell

Gov. Riley is flanked by ALSSAR Color Guard members Larry Cornwell, left, and Andy Spann at April ceremony

Using the backdrop of the American Village and the 229th anniversary of the start of the American Revolution, Alabama Gov. Bob Riley joined with ALSSAR members to lay the 1800-pound cornerstone for a heroic-sized bronze sculpture depicting the spirit of liberty.

Riley used the opportunity to challenge governors, educators and leaders throughout the country to educate America's youth on the history of the country.

"God gave us leaders and patriots in every generation that have protected us," Riley said, "many giving the full measure of their lives, and our duty is

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Board of Managers pass budget, pick delegates

Fourteen ALSSAR members were selected to represent the state society at the annual Congress during the spring Board of Managers meeting at the Montgomery Country Club on May 15.

The delegation, led by ALSSAR president Price Legg, will attend the 114th annual Congress at the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Hilton on July 3-7.

The delegation includes Mike Wells, Roger Vaughn, Larry Cornwell, Lee Swart, Wylie Johnson, Bob Thomas, Ben Thomas, John Wallace, Jim Maples, Richard Smallwood, David Milam, Fred McCall and Richard Price.

Compatriot Rod Hildreth made a motion that was approved to compile an alternate delegate list as well.

The Board of Managers also dealt with the

proposed 2004-05 ALSSAR budget, including the funding of youth programs.

The following changes were recommended for the proposed budget: add \$40 for the Council of Presidents; add \$72 for the ALSSAR portion of the national Web site; add \$450 to pay for half the proposed cost of the JROTC medals; change the 2005 oration contest candidate money for travel to the national contest to \$550 with all other contest awards to stay the same; and increase the state convention expense to \$1000.

The proposed changes presented a negative cash flow for the upcoming year. It was proposed and approved to make increases in the budget income so that there was a zero deficit. The budget was then approved.

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