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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Those reading this article are doing so because you have expressed a belief in the history and heritage of this great country. You have expressed your convictions by your membership in the Sons of the American Revolution.

As a lover of American heritage, you will be glad to know that interest in our nation's founding is alive and well at the grassroots level here in the state of Alabama. This love for country is abundantly evident in the activity and interest generated by our local chapters and our state society.

Since March 1, I have been meeting with SAR chapters across the state. Almost without exception, I find a group of men who love their country, are proud of our heritage, and are interested in touching our communities and reaching out to students with a message of honor and historical remembrance.

Our committee chairs are working hard to promote flag displays, to recognize Eagle Scouts, to encourage historical writing and speaking, and to encourage public interest in our national heritage. I am thankful for the efforts of these fine men who have taken on responsibility to promote efforts in our state.

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BOM works on raising image

ALSSAR president John Killian and other members of the Board of Managers discussed various ways to enhance the image of the state society at the spring BOM meeting in May at the American Village.

BOM decisions included the adoption of a brochure for flag displays, a proposal for the publication of a brochure detailing Revolutionary War sites in the state and a fund-raising effort for the ALSSAR's youth programs.

Killian opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and thanking compatriot Johnny Curry and the American Village staff for their hospitality. The trustee, state of-

ficers and chairmen and chapter presidents gave reports.

Highlights of the BOM include a reminder that the 199th National Congress will be held in Atlanta July 4-8 and that members are encouraged to attend since it is close by.

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—Photo by Bruce Pickette

ALSSAR President John Killian and past presidents (from left): Jim Wardlaw, Jim Alexander, Larry Cornwell, Price Legg, John Wallace and Mike Wells pose at new marker honoring General Galvez.

Chapter honors namesake

STOCKTON — Hector Diaz of Baltimore stood at attention, sword raised, quiet and still on the warm May afternoon.

He had traveled to Pensacola last week to wear the hot wool uniform, hat and gloves with

other American Revolution reenactors.

But as a Hispanic-American, Diaz felt a special calling Saturday to take part in a ceremony

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Former SAR registrar dies

The Alabama Society lost a valuable compatriot on March 22 when Jerry B. Jones Sr., passed away at the age of 81.

Jones had served the Etowah chapter faithfully for years, but was best known in recent years for his dedication and diligence as the ALSSAR registrar.

“He was very knowledgeable as a registrar and generous with his time to anyone wanting to find their way into the Sons of the American Revolution,” said William Rozier, who helped launch the Cheaha chapter with Jones’ help. “I am very grateful for his kind assistance toward me and he will be sorely missed.”

Jones was born near Attalla on Sept. 12, 1927, son of Henry Clay and Nell Moore Jones, both descendants of some of the first families of

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In recent months, patriotism has been on display at two grand celebrations. On May 9, compatriots from several states and across Alabama gathered in Baldwin County for the dedication of the Alabama monument to General Bernardo de Galvez, the hero of Mobile Bay. Members of the General Galvez Chapter of the Alabama Society led the way in raising funds to erect this great monument.

The Galvez monument is the initial monument in the historic park, dedicated by the Baldwin County Commission, to honor our national heritage. For generations to come, young people will learn of General Galvez and the role played here in Alabama in the American Revolution.

Another celebration of note took place on Memorial Day, May 25 as representatives of 15 organizations gathered at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo to dedicate this burial ground for U.S. veterans. Among these 15 organizations was the Sons of the American

Revolution.

That same day, at the Blue Star Salute, near the Alabama National Cemetery, the SAR was represented in ceremonies that honored our nation's veterans. The Blue Star Salute always includes and spotlights the participation of the Sons of the American Revolution and we covet that place of honor.

Friends, the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution is healthy, active, and energetic. We are making a difference for patriotism and for heritage in our state. Can we do more? Of course, but I am thankful for the good and sincere efforts of our men across the state.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in these months. Our country needs the best that we can give as the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifices established these United States of America.

May God honor the work of the SAR and may God bless these United States!

—John Killian

Tennessee Valley installs officers

The Tennessee Valley chapter installed its 2009 officers at its March banquet at the Valley Hill Country Club in Huntsville.

The new officers include Dr. Clarence David Billings, president; William Larry Crabtree, vice president; Kenneth A. Carpenter, secretary; James G. Alexander, treasurer; David Byers, registrar; Fr. Les McAbee, chaplain; and Robert E. Adams, historian.

ALSSAR president John Killian was the featured speaker at the banquet.

After his installation as the chapter president, Billings presented his goals and objectives for his term in office, which includes recognizing 10 Revolutionary War veterans and to find what he called "lost descendants" of the veterans as prospective chapter members.

BOM

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Registrar Ron Bearden reported there is presently a backlog in processing new applications at Headquarters so please be patient. Chaplain Jim Alexander reported on members who have recently passed away. Historian Bobby Jo Seales reported that there was a good response to the chapter questionnaire. Chairman Tony Neathery advised that Henry County is considering discontinuing JROTC and asked members to contact them and request continuance. He announced that 100 bronze JROTC and 19 silver ROTC medals were awarded. The C.A.R. chairman reported that the newly elected state president is Sara Beth Redmon of Huntsville.

Color Guard Southern Commander Mike McCreedy discussed the need for an Honor Guard and told of plans for a "School of the Soldier" for training. Walter Dockery of Patriot Graves indicated that each chapter should appoint a chairman to compile a list of patriots buried in their area. Veterans Affairs chairman John

Graham requested a report from each chapter's activities in support of Veterans activities. Ladies Auxiliary president Abby Alexander reported the group voted to present \$1,000 to ALSSAR for youth programs and \$250 to the National Ladies Auxiliary at Congress.

Chapter president reports highlighted many excellent activities and accomplishments. FSP Price Legg introduced the Pensacola Medal in support of the commemoration there and offered them to members. Jack Oden spoke about the grave dedication by Wiregrass chapter on Oct. 18, 2009. Compatriot Jim Maples reported that electronic distribution of the state newsletter was a task-in-progress and that the Tennessee Valley Chapter newsletter is currently published online. State vice president Bruce Pickette reported we had joined the Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance and spoke about the upcoming workshop in Montgomery in November. Secretary Bob Thomas encouraged all chapters to update their website entries and send all changes to Webmaster

Ron Diamond with copy to him.

Killian proposed that the state society produce and distribute a brochure on "The Revolutionary War in Alabama" much like the one that exists for the Civil War. He appointed Mike Glass as chairman and Walter Dockery, Johnny Curry, Mike McCreedy and Fred Olive as members. Killian also proposed the design and adoption of an ALSSAR logo for use on stationery and merchandise and appointed Mike Wells as chairman and Harold Batie, C.W. Posey, FSP John Wallace and Bill Rozier as committee members.

A brochure developed by State Flag chairman Wayne Finley was introduced and adopted for the chapters to use and distribute. The meeting concluded with Killian appointing several Deacons to take up a collection for youth programs. The "colonial hat" was passed resulting in \$400 cash contributions from BOM attendees. Killian thanked those present for stepping up to this challenge for our youth programs.

—Bob Thomas

Riley honors veterans with May proclamations

Gov. Bob Riley signed three proclamations on May 8 supporting the state's military service members and veterans.

The first proclaimed the state's first Memorial Day at the new Alabama National Cemetery at Montevallo. The second recognized the state's service members at the fifth annual Blue Star Salute at the American Village and the third saluted the Army Reserve's "Community Covenant" initiative enacted during the Memorial Day salute at the American Village.

Honored guests included Quincy Whitehead, executive director of the Alabama National Cemetery; RADM Clyde O. Marsh, commissioner of Alabama Veterans Affairs; Caleb Goodwyn, representing Congressman Spencer Bachus; Regent Connie Grund of the DAR's Lilly of the Cahaba chapter; and Mrs. Rachel Clinkscale, National Legislative Liaison for Gold Star Wives of America.

ALSSAR vice president Bruce Pickette, Cahaba-Coosa compatriots John R. Walker and R. Glenn Nivens and Gen. Richard Montgomery vice president Dick Erickson represented the ALSSAR.

Walker, Nivens and Erickson also are members of the Blue Star Salute Foundation and the Alabama National Cemetery Support Committee.



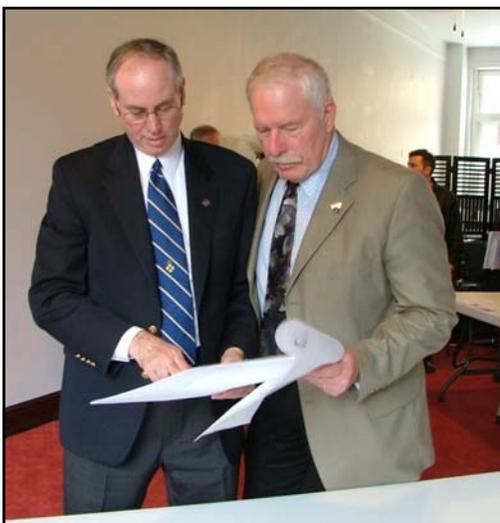
—Photo by Dick Erickson

Riley signs proclamations flanked by SAR Color Guard members, from left: Paul Prescott and Robert Cruthirds of the Georgia Society and Gen. Montgomery compatriots Jack Caraway and Larry Cornwell.

The SAR Honor Guard was comprised of members from the Alabama and Georgia societies. ALSSAR members included Jack Caraway, Larry Cornwell, Michael McCreedy and Dick Wells. Georgia Society members were Robert Cruthirds,

Paul Prescott and George Thurmond. In appreciation for the attendance of the Georgia Society members, Riley presented Paul Prescott with the pen used to sign the proclamations.

—Dick Erickson



—Photo courtesy of John Wallace

Mike Wells, left, reviews plans of the new NSSAR Library with Librarian-General Richard Brockway.

Couple assist with NSSAR Library project

On April 14, Michael and Elizabeth Wells were invited to attend the National Society's Phase I Design Committee Review meeting in Louisville, Ky. The purpose of this meeting, hosted by CAAH Project Manager President General Bruce Wilcox, was to review the modified plans for the build-out of the new NSSAR library on historic West Main Street in Louisville.

Mike has served for some five years as the NSSAR Library Committee chairman and has consistently demonstrated an ongoing commitment to the design and eventual building of the new library as part of the CAAH complex.

Elizabeth, of course, is well known to the ALSSAR from her active support roll within the society and the many programs she has presented to chapters across the state. The NSSAR is seeking to draw upon her expertise as head of the Special Collections at Samford University and her first hand knowledge of moving collections during library renovations and relocations.

The meeting involved the review of architectural modifications to the original drawings for the library portion of the new headquarters building. Issues discussed included security, storage, tax credits and preservation and zoning restrictions, all of which will impact on the final costs. The NSSAR Trustees have approved spending up to \$2.1 million for the build-out of the library section and hopes are to have work started by early summer.

—John Wallace

In Memory...

James W. Bragg Jr. Maury Drane Smith

The last surviving charter member of the Tennessee Valley chapter, **JAMES W. BRAGG JR.**, passed away on May 21. He was 85.

Bragg was honored by Tennessee Valley president Richard Smallwood with a 50-year certificate in 2008 during the chapter's 50th anniversary celebration.

Bragg, a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, was honorably discharged as signalman, 2nd class. He was a lifetime member of the VFW. He received his bachelor's degree from Tennessee and his master's degree from Auburn, both in agriculture.

After graduation, he was employed by Monsanto Chemical Corporation. After leaving Monsanto, he was a successful real estate developer and broker, building numerous homes during Huntsville's boom period in the 1960s. He was employed by Consolidated Construction Company and retired from the City of Huntsville's Com-

munity Development department. Bragg was a member of Top of Alabama Regional Housing Authority.

Services were held at Laughlin Service Funeral Home with Tommy Rosenblum officiating. Burial was in Maple Hill Cemetery.

Longtime Richard Montgomery compatriot **MAURY SMITH** passed away on May 24 in Montgomery. He was 82. While he had not attended meetings in some time, he had maintained his membership in the chapter.

Smith, who was born on Feb. 2, 1927, received his B.S. and J.D. degrees from the University of Alabama and was a senior member of the Balch and Bingham law firm, having practiced law in Montgomery continuously since 1952.

He was an assistant Attorney General of Alabama, a past president of the Montgom-

ery County Bar Association and an Emeritus member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Alabama. He was President of the Alabama Heritage Foundation Board of Directors and a member of the Board of Trustees for the Alabama Archives and History Foundation. He was a past chairman of the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, president of the Montgomery Area United Way, chairman of the Montgomery Committee of 100, Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a member of the Alabama Law Institute.

A member of the Kiwanis Club, Smith had served in the Army Specialized Training Program and the United States Infantry during World War II. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and served that church in many leadership positions.

A memorial service was held May 27 at First United Methodist of Montgomery.

Jones

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Alabama and what is now Etowah County. He was educated in the public schools and graduated from Etowah High School in 1946 and from the University of Alabama and old Howard College. He served in the United States Navy during World War II in the 12th Naval District at San Francisco.

He was an employee of Republic Steel Corporation and in 1947 as a clerk in the office of tax collector Allan W. Lee. From there he was the assistant tax assessor for Bovell Summers. He was elected tax assessor for four six-year terms, retiring in 1988. Professionally he was a member of the Alabama Tax Assessor and Tax Collector Association and the American Association of Assessing Officials.

In addition, he was chairman of the ad-hoc committee which assisted Auburn University in the development of the educational arm of tax assessors and administrators and was the first president of the Alabama Association of Assessing Officials, now Association of Alabama Tax Administrators, and was a life member. He was also a bivocational pastor of a number of Baptist churches in this area.

Jerry was a history buff, even as a child, and became a member of the Etowah Historical Society in 1956 in which he held a number of offices. In 1960 he was appointed co-chairman, with Judge W.W. Rayburn, of the Civil War Centennial. In 1966 he was named co-chairman of Etowah County Centennial and was co-author of "The History of Etowah County." In 1969 Gov. Albert Brewer appointed him as the Etowah County chairman for the Alabama Bicentennial. And in 1976 he was chairman of Etowah

County Sequicentennial.

In 1962 he organized the Northeast Alabama Genealogical Society and served as its first president and editor of its publication "Settlers of Northeast Alabama." He taught genealogy at Snead College and later at Gadsden State Community College. He conducted workshops throughout the Southeast.

In 1995 he became a member of the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution where he was a chapter president and chaplain. He was elected chaplain of the state society and served as registrar for several years as well. He was also the president of Old Harmony Cemetery Association, Inc. for many years.

As an SAR compatriot, he was awarded the Patriot Medal for sponsoring 50 members in the National Society and the Pioneer Medal, the highest award given by the Alabama Society. In addition, he received the Teachers Award from the National Society of Daughters of the Colonial Wars and the Preservation Award by the National Society of DAR. He also received Preservation Awards from the DAR's James Gadsden chapter, the Etowah Historical Society and "The Nichols Memorial Library Award."

Honorary pallbearers were members of Northeast Alabama Genealogical Society, Etowah Historical Society of Alabama, the SAR's Etowah chapter, Old Harmony Cemetery Association, Inc., Abundant Grace Ministries, former employees, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jaggars, Jack Floyd, W. A. Lewis, Tuesday Morning Coffee Club and the Etowah High Class of 1946.

Services were held on March 25 at Collier-Butler Chapel with the Revs. Ben Edmondson and Tommy Williams officiating. Burial was at Old Harmony Cemetery.

Galvez

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honoring a man who died 225 years ago — Gen. Bernardo de Galvez — at the Baldwin County Bicentennial Park in Stockton.

“Galvez was a significant contributor to the cause of the American Revolution, along with many other Hispanics,” Diaz said. “They made a major contribution in military support, supplies and weapons. People ought to know about that.”

Visitors to Baldwin County's Bicentennial Park certainly will.

A monument purchased by Sons of the American Revolution, including Baldwin County's General Galvez Chapter SAR, Alabama Society SAR, George Washington Endowment Fund and National Society SAR, will be the centerpiece of the park's display honoring local involvement in all U.S. wars, starting with Galvez and continuing to the ongoing War on Terror.

In February 1780, General Galvez, the 33-year-old governor of Louisiana, with his army landed near Mobile and began to invest Fort Charlotte, an old French masonry work that offered its garrison little hope of defense against a determined enemy.

Fort Charlotte was bombarded by shipboard guns until March 12 when siege artillery joined in. From 10 a.m. until sundown the combined artillery battered the fort until a breach was opened in one of its walls. At dusk, Captain Elias Durnsford ordered the white flag raised over the ramparts and surrendered his garrison.

Fortune favored Galvez as he knew through intercepted letters what Durnsford didn't know. A relief column led by Brigadier General John Campbell was only a few hours away from Mobile. Upon learning of Mobile's surrender Campbell retired to the safety of the defenses of Pensacola.

On Jan. 7, 1781, an outnumbered Spanish garrison and some French colonists of The Village on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay withstood a fierce assault from the British and their allies.

The Baldwin County skirmish proved to be pivotal in Spain keeping its hold on the Gulf Coast, and coupled with a victory weeks later in Pensacola, denied England a foothold to bring forces through the South to fight American colonial troops.

The British land forces included about 471 soldiers and Indians, according to historical documents. The Spaniard garrison of 190 was also supported by a handful of men whom Galvez enlisted in New Orleans.

Galvez built the "Spanish fort" that provided that Eastern Shore community its name, although its exact location is not known.

Galvez is honored with a bronze bust marker in downtown Pensacola, where a re-enactment was held last week, along with statues in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., a commemorative stamp, and by the naming of Galveston, Texas and now the monument in Stockton.

Dr. John Killian, president of the Alabama Society of Sons of the American Revolution gave a very stirring speech. He told a large crowd at Saturday's event that Galvez's heroism was part of God's plan for the U.S.

Killian said that like Joshua telling the 12 tribes of Israel to set stone markers in the Jordan after they crossed it, the monument will serve as a testimony to divine providence.

“It will remind a new generation of the cost and sacrifice that founded this nation,” Killian said.

—Mike Glass



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

ALSSAR president John Killian addresses crowd at Gen. Galvez monument dedication in Stockton.



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

Galvez's Revolutionary War flag covers monument with Walter Dockery's flag display as backdrop.



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

Color Guard members from Alabama, Florida and Georgia flank General Galvez monument after its unveiling in ceremony at Bicentennial Park.

Memorial Day celebration

Nineteen societies participate in Montgomery service

The Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter hosted a Service of Remembrance for Our Nation's Fallen in All Wars at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Montgomery on Sunday, May 24.

With 19 patriotic societies participating, Montgomery has rarely seen so many organizations involved in a Memorial Day weekend observance. Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base in Montgomery took part in several facets of the service, which included the Maxwell Honor Guard posting colors; Compatriot Timothy Ullmann, a USAF chaplain, assisting in the service; and Col. Jonathan Klaaren, vice commander of the Holm Center, laying a wreath in memory of all fallen American soldiers.

ALSSAR compatriots Larry Cornwell and Jack Caraway served in the SAR color guard and assisted in the wreath laying.

Active and retired servicemen of the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force bore the flags of the various societies attending.

The keynote address, entitled "The Inheritance for Which They Gave Their Lives," was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Peter Doyle of Opelika. Thirteen of the organizations, including a representative of the Gov. Bob Riley, laid wreaths in memory of fallen servicemen from all of America's military history ranging from the colonial wars to our current wars in the Middle East.

The service concluded with taps, the anthem "Mansions of the Lord" sung by Encore—a local men's a cappella ensemble, and the national anthem.

ALSSAR compatriot Justin Rojek served as one of the organists as well as coordinator of the service.

The World War One Memorial Foundation, which seeks to establish a national memorial to the First World War in Washington, D.C., received more than \$1,300 in donations by the approximately 300 people in attendance.

—Justin Rojek



—Photo by Justin Rojek

Color Guard that includes SAR members file into Trinity Presbyterian.

American Village salutes veterans in Memorial Day celebration

One of the largest patriotic displays in the country took place on Memorial Day in a dual ceremony at the new Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo and at the American Village.

ALSSAR representatives were among the 15 organizations present at the cemetery to dedicate the burial ground for U.S. veterans.

The Blue Star Salute opened at the American Village with a flyover from the 187th Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard as well as music from the 151st Army Band from the Army National Guard.

Among the 16 organizations laying memorial wreaths were representatives of the SAR, DAR and CAR.

Johnny Curry, special projects coordinator for the American Village, was the master of ceremonies. Featured guests included state treasurer Kay Ivey and Byron White, state commander of the

Military Order of the Purple Heart.

The celebration opened with a motorcycle procession from the American Legion Riders and the Patriot Guard Riders and ended with a speech from an actor portraying Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Other actors portrayed Abigail Adams, George Washington and Patrick Henry.

Among the reenactments were artillery demonstrations, surgery demonstrations, a musket demonstration and an encampment, all from the Revolutionary War; a presentation from "Rosie the Riveter," honoring the working women of World War II; an exhibit from Buffalo Soldiers; and a Marine reenactment of the Iwo Jima flag raising.

The highlight of the Memorial Day observance was the salute to fallen heroes put on by Gold Star Wives of America, Inc, Gold Star Families and Blue Star Families in the Village's Colonial Chapel.

Etowah chapter installs 2009 officers, presents award to compatriot



ALSSAR president John Killian was the featured speaker at the Etowah chapter meeting on March 23, presenting a special award to Dr. Arthur Ennis, right, for his dedicated service to the SAR and installing officers for 2009.

Those officers, left, included Curry Turner, president; W.A. Lewis, first vice president; James Johnson, second vice president; Tom McKenzie, secretary; Leon Young, treasurer; Harold Batie, registrar and genealogist; Dr. Arthur L. Ennis, historian; Roy Smith, chaplain; and Ben Reed, sergeant at arms.



Lamar Co. chapter organizes

The Lamar County Sons of Liberty chapter organized on Washington's birthday, February 22, in Vernon. Officers were selected, the chapter name was voted on, and a regular meeting site was selected.

The chapter held its installation ceremony and banquet on April 11 in Sulligent. Attendees of note included ALSSAR president John Killian, Southern District VP General Andrew Jones, past Vice Presidents Rod Hildreth, Lee Swart and John Wallace, past ALSAR presidents Mike Wells and Larry Cornwell, ALSSAR registrar Ron Bearden, treasurer C.W. Posey and historian Bobby Joe Seales.

The ceremony also recognized Bob Thomas of the General Richard Montgomery chapter and Howard Rector of the Lamar County chapter with the Meritorious Service Medal for their help in recruiting and aiding the formation of the chapter with new members. Kay Koonce, regent of the DAR's Daring Dicey chapter which also formed in Vernon on Feb. 22, was awarded the SAR Medal of Appreciation for her role in recruiting and aiding in the formation of the new chapter.



—Photo by Leanne Cornwell

VP General Andrew Jones addresses officers, from left: secretary Bill Mixon, registrar Howard Rector, president Andy Johnson, vice president Nicholas Posey and chaplain Eddy Posey.

George Washington fund not as affected by economic downturn

The recent economic downturn has been less severe for the National Society's George Washington Endowment Fund, which includes approximately 55 percent of its funds invested in Government bonds.

As of May 1, the GWEF was valued at slightly over \$943,000 with better than \$20,000 in the checkbook.

The GWEF continues to support the under-funded/non-funded requirements of the national committees, out-reach education and special projects.

In 2008, more than \$29,000 was provided for these functions, while in 2009, \$26,500 will be available to support the NSSAR. This decrease in available funds

is partially a result of the decline in interest rates. Recent recipients of funds include the ALSSAR with \$1250 for the cost Gen. Galvez monument dedicated on May 9, and \$750 for Blue Star Salute held on Memorial Day.

During the Howard Horne Award contest period (April 1-March 31) in which \$500 is awarded to the state society with the greatest percentage increase in new fellows based on membership, 65 compatriots nationwide stepped forward to become GW fellows.

Of that number 24 came from the TNSSAR, the projected 2009 Horne winner. Our Tennessee compatriots will also win the Buck Meek Award which is a

\$100 prize to the society with the largest number of new fellows regardless of total state membership.

The 2010 Howard Horne award contest winner is shaping up as a Southern District society. Since the beginning of the new contest period, 10 Louisiana compatriots have become GW fellows, with another five from Mississippi and one from Tennessee.

To become a GW fellow, one must pledge \$1,000 to the GWEF, and this can be paid out in increments of \$200 per year for five years.

For more information, contact John R. Wallace (johnrx@snowhill.com) or visit the NSSAR Web site (www.sar.org).

Black Warrior River donates to veterans park

The Black Warrior River chapter recently donated \$1,000 to the Veterans Memorial Park in Tuscaloosa for use in the park's development.

The members' decision to contribute to the park followed a program given by Dr. Sam Gambrell describing the establishment of the park, including the history of its location on the site of the hospital chapel at the former U.S. Army Northington General Hospital.

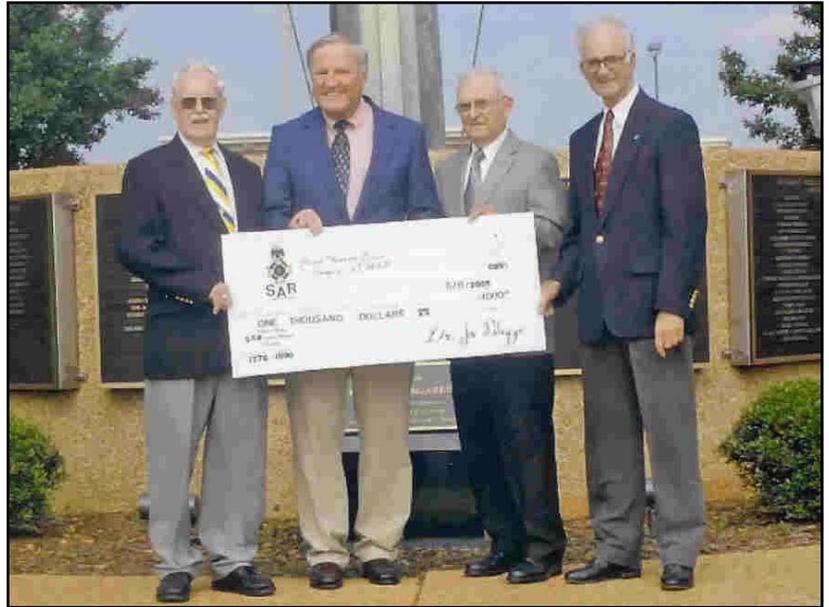
The donation was matched by a contribution from the DAR's Chief Tuscaloosa chapter.

Both chapters were present for the contribution, which honors veterans of all wars of the United States whose individual names have been placed on a "Wall of Fame" in the park and whose names will be added in the future. It is given in appreciation for their service to the country and effort to secure and defend our freedom.

Presenting the check at a May 12 ceremony were chapter president John Graham, chapter treasurer Dr. Joe Pilegge and Gambrell, retired colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves.

The check was presented to Endowment Fund Committee chairman Bill Pool, retired colonel in the U.S. Air Force.

The park is located in front of University Mall on McFarland Boulevard.



—Photo courtesy of John Graham

Bill Pool, second from left, receives \$1,000 check from Black Warrior River president John Graham, left, treasurer Joe Pilegge and Sam Gambrell, far right.



—Photo courtesy of John Graham

Black Warrior River holds annual banquet

Black Warrior chapter president John Graham, right, presented certificates to past officers Kerry Barksdale, Dr. Wiley Hales, Dr. Joe Pilegge, James Dunn and Tony Neathery for their service over the past two years. ALS-SAR president John Killian, left, was a guest at the May 28 banquet while Larry Cornwell, center, was the featured speaker at the First Christian Church of Tuscaloosa.



—Photo courtesy of John Wallace

Librarian honored by Wiregrass

Karen Bullard was presented the Martha Washington Medal at a recent Wiregrass meeting for her efforts in assisting 15 new members into the SAR. Bullard is director of the genealogical section of the Ozark Public Library and a DAR registrar. Chapter registrar John Wallace presented the award as president Jack Oden observed.



—Photo by Bob Glasscock

Montgomery chapter awards teenager SAR Medal for Heroism

Robert T. Mitchell, center, was awarded the SAR Medal for Heroism at the Richard Montgomery chapter's March meeting. Mitchell, a senior at Prattville's East Memorial Christian, was driving past the home of Danny McLain on Jan. 24 when he observed flames coming from the house. Mitchell entered the residence and found McLain unconscious at the top of the stairs and dragged him to safety.



—Photo by Col. Ed Smith

ROTC Medal recipient

General Richard Montgomery compatriot Bob Glasscock, right, presented an ROTC Medal and certificate to Greenville High freshman DeAndre Savage in a ceremony at the Butler County high school on April 24.

CAR president has ties to SAR, DAR

Sara Beth Redmon of John Hunt Society was recently elected president of the Children of the American Revolution at its state convention at the Country Club of Birmingham. Redmon was co-sponsored by the ALSSAR's Tennessee Valley chapter.

Redmon comes from a patriotic family with a lifetime involvement in DAR, SAR and CAR.



REDMON

Sara Beth's state president's project is "Supporting Our Troops Overseas." She takes her charge from the CAR creed that states "as the boys and girls of 1776 took an active part in the War for Independence, so the boys and girls of today have a definite work to do for their country."

She will attend the University of Alabama this fall as a chemistry major with Dental School to follow. Please support her project and encourage your children and grandchildren to join CAR. For more information, contact Mrs. Ann Lewis Boone, senior state president, at 205-338-6066.

Montgomery compatriot Bob Cheney inducted in royal society

Gen. Richard Montgomery compatriot Robert Cheney was inducted into the Society of the Friends of St George's and the Association of Descendants of the Knights of the Garter in a ceremony on April 29.

The Montgomery resident is a descendant of a Knight of the Garter. Membership in the Garter is limited to the sovereign, the Prince of Wales, Supernumerary knights and ladies (which includes the British Royal Family and foreign mon-

archs) and "Companions" – a group that cannot exceed 24 members.

The society includes more than 5,100 members worldwide to "protect, preserve and enhance" the college, its St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle and the royal knighthood, the Order of the Garter.

The Association of the Descendants of the Knights of the Garter was founded in the 1920s, composed of knights and ladies of the order and their descendants. Another

group known as the Friends of St George's was founded in 1931 to support the college by raising funds to "protect, preserve and enhance" the chapel as the physical and spiritual center of the order. The two groups merged in 1934.

The foundation enjoys the service of its patron, Queen Elizabeth II, and that of its president, Charles, Prince of Wales. The foundation vice presidents are the members of the order.

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ALSSAR duo work on developing Louisiana Society

Former ALSSAR presidents Mike Wells and John Wallace traveled to New Orleans in mid-April to represent the state at the Louisiana Society convention.

Secretary-General Ed Butler was the special invited guest for the convention and was honored at a luncheon at Antoine's in the French Quarter by the convention sponsors. At the business meeting, the society approved a long-range development program to help guide the LASSAR over the next decade.

Wells, as the NSSAR Library Committee chairman, addressed the delegates on the upcoming plans for the new headquarters building and library in Louisville while Wallace discussed the activities of the George Washington Endowment Fund.

Nine Louisiana compatriots accepted the challenge to become GW fellows and received their pins at the Saturday night banquet.

Louisiana United States Senator David Vitters was the guest speaker for the evening. Bill Allerton was reelected state President while Southern District Designate VPG Thomas E. Jacks received the Distinguished Service Medal for his services to the society.

As the ranking SAR member present Southern District VPG Andrew Jones installed the 2009-2010 officers.

—John Wallace



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ALSSAR compatriots Mike Wells, left, and John Wallace, right, discuss plans for new NSSAR building with newly appointed Southern District VP Tom Jacks of the Louisiana Society.