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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I follow a long line of distinguished Alabama Society presidents, and my hope is that I measure up to their high standards as I take the reins for the year. Thank you for electing me as your leader. I plan to spend a great deal of time at your service.

I have so many priorities, I hardly know where to start. I've listened to your ideas and complaints, and will do everything I can to improve the communications flow so all your jobs at the state and chapter level will be made easier and more efficient.

To begin, I've asked our webmaster, Ron Diamond, to make it easier for committee chairmen at both the state and chapter level to communicate with each other.

I'm asking chapter presidents to keep the webmaster informed when chapter officers and committee chairmen change.

As most of us have e-mail, I'm asking state committee chairmen to communicate with the chapters by going straight to their counterparts at the chapter level. If there is no one designated for a particular committee at the chapter level, the chapter president will be their point of contact.

I will be communicating with the members via e-mails through your chapter presidents.

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Larry Cornwell installed as new ALSSAR president at convention



—Photo by Jim Maples

NSSAR Secretary General Nathan White places president's medal around the neck of new ALSSAR President Larry Cornwell.

Approximately 123 members and guests attended this year's ALSSAR state convention, hosted by the Tennessee Valley chapter in Huntsville Feb. 17-18.

Among the attendees were National Society Secretary General Nathan White and National Executive Director James Randall.

Other special guests included George Reech, Vice President General of the Southern District, Louisiana Society President James Grace, Tennessee Society President Raymond Clapsaddle, Alabama DAR Regent Jean Vaughan, CAR State President Drew Marham, CAR Senior State President Gary Markham and Alabama Colonial Dames President Phyllis O'Connell.

The highlight of the convention

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ALSSAR loses pioneer Richard Kemp

The Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution, lost one of its most dedicated and loyal compatriots on Feb. 7 when Richard Alexander Kemp passed away at the Tuskegee Veterans Hospital. He was 79.

Services were held on Feb. 13 at Fort Mitchell National Cemetery with ALSSAR chaplain Rev. Walter Reeder officiating. Full military honors were

observed.

Kemp was a veteran of three wars, serving in Leyte in the Phillipines in the final months of World War II; in Korea in 1951 and near Saigon in Vietnam in the 1960s. As a combat correspondent for the Pacific Stars and Stripes in Korea, Kemp made his first parachute



—Photo courtesy of Glenn Nivens

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Convention

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The highlight of the convention was the installation of the 2006 ALSSAR officers at the Saturday evening banquet. With VPG Reech as the installing officer, Larry Cornwell of the Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter was installed as president.

Other officers include Jim Alexander of the Tennessee Valley chapter as senior vice president, Jim Wardlaw of the Gen. Galvez chapter as secretary, Bruce Taylor of the Wiregrass chapter as treasurer, Ron Bearden of the Little River chapter as registrar, C. Bruce Pickette of the Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter as genealogist, Edward Blount of the Gen. Galvez chapter as chancellor, Bobby Joe Seales of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter as historian, Dr. Walter R. Reeder of the Wiregrass chapter as chaplain and Glenn Nivens of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter as sergeant-at-arms.

Outgoing President Jim Maples was nominated as the National Trustee to be elected at the National Congress in July in Dallas.

The convention at the Holiday Inn Select Hotel in Huntsville opened on Friday evening with a reception and continued with a George Washington Fellows breakfast, business meeting and oration contest on Saturday morning.

The weather discouraged anyone from stepping out of the hotel for a tour, but the local DAR chapters hosted a wonderful hospitality suite for everyone throughout the conference, followed by the banquet on Saturday evening.

President Jim Maples conducted the annual business meeting after a welcome by Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spenser. In addition to the officer, committee, and chapter reports, \$500 was approved to be given to the 2006 Blue Star Salute and approval was given to microfilm and file by state number all supplemental "record copy" applications.

Chaplain Reeder conducted a candle memorial service for the ALSSAR members who passed away the previous year, Compatriot Nivens presented the ALSSAR with a streamer for color guard participation at the reenactment of the Battle of Kettle Creek and Compatriot Taylor presented a streamer from the reenactment of the Battle of Cow Pens.

In the Rumbaugh orations contest on Saturday, Brent Melvin

was the winner, representing the Tri-State chapter. Other participants were Rachael Lillebo, Joseph Clark, and Donald Campbell. Melvin will represent the state in the national contest in Dallas in July. The Eagle Scout winner was Ben Cheney.

The Saturday evening banquet was opened with the presentation of colors by the ALSSAR color guard and the invocation by Chaplain Reeder. Greetings were brought by our special guests. National Society Secretary General Nathan White addressed the audience on the judicial system.

Several compatriots were recognized for their contributions.

Those receiving awards included Price Legg of the Gen. Galvez chapter and Rev. Dr. Walter Reeder from the Tri-State chapter, who each received the SAR Patriot Medal, the highest medal which may be awarded to a member of the SAR by the Alabama Society for services at the state and chapter level.

The SAR Distinguished Service Medal, state level, went to James G. Alexander, Jr. of the Tennessee Valley chapter and the Silver Good Citizenship Medal went to John Wallace of the Wiregrass chapter, Rane'e Pruitt of the Tennessee Valley chapter and Mrs. Jean Vaughan, the Regent of the Alabama Society, DAR.

The SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal was awarded to Linda Maples, Jim's wife, of the Tennessee Valley chapter and SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medals were awarded to William Crabtree of the Tennessee Valley chapter, Gary Markham, senior president of the Alabama Society CAR, and Drew Markham, president of the Alabama Society CAR.

The Bronze Color Guard Medal was awarded to Dr. Richard Price of the Birmingham chapter as well as Bruce Taylor, Andy Spann and John Kelso, all of the Wiregrass chapter.

The SAR Medal of Appreciation was awarded to DAR members Phyllis O'Connell, Davie Williams, Kimberly Jo Alexander and Christine Smith.

The SAR Martha Washington Medal was awarded to Susan Crabtree for her contributions to the Tennessee Valley chapter.

Vice President General George Reech of the Southern District installed the new officers, followed by closing remarks by the new president, Larry Cornwell.

—Jim Maples

Message

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Finally, I'm asking chapter members to get further involved with the various committees, especially the youth committees. You will receive from the SAR much more than you put into it.

Get a Revolutionary War uniform, and you will get tremendous satisfaction from wearing it at grave markings,

dedications, school assemblies and color guard activities. If you are recently retired, then the SAR has all the promise of helping fill your days with meaningful activities.

Everyone is invited to the two Board of Managers meetings. The spring meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13 in Columbiana, while the fall meeting will be on Saturday, Oct. 28 in

Montgomery.

Watch the Web site (www.alssar.org) for further details.

Chapter presidents should encourage their members, especially those who show promise for leadership, to attend not only the BOMs but also the next state convention, to be held in Montgomery next February.

—Larry Cornwell



—Photo by Jim Maples

2006 ALSSAR officers

New ALSSAR officers for 2006 include, from left: Sergeant-at-arms R. Glenn Nivens, Cahaba-Coosa chapter; chaplain Rev. Dr. Walter R. Reeder, Wiregrass chapter; historian Bobby Joe Seales, Cahaba-Coosa chapter; genealogist C. Bruce Pickette, Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter; registrar Ronald A. Bearden, Little River chapter; treasurer Bruce Taylor, Wiregrass chapter; secretary James E. Wardlaw, Geb. Galvez chapter; senior vice-president James G. Alexander Jr., Tennessee Valley chapter; and president Larry P. Cornwell, Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter.

ALSSAR has husband-wife GW Fellows for first time

At the recent state convention in Huntsville, six compatriots and two ALSSAR ladies accepted the challenge of becoming George Washington Endowment Fund fellows.

Among those receiving a GW pin were LTC (Ret.) Sammy Howell and his wife Laura. This was the first time that a husband and wife simultaneously became Fellows within the ALSSAR.

Sammy is the current president of the Cheaha chapter. Others who received pins from Secretary-General Nathan White were Elizabeth Wells and Bob Thomas (both from the Birmingham chapter),

Kenney and Fletcher Dunaway (Tri-State chapter), and Hartwell Lane (General Richard Montgomery chapter).

Compatriot Tom Wilson (Little River Chapter) was unable to attend the meeting but sent his check and application.

His pin and certificate will be presented at a chapter meeting later in the year. Since April 1, 2005, 16 ALSSAR compatriots and ladies have become GW fellows, with six of these coming from the Little River Chapter. Certainly an obtainable goal for each of our chapters!

State GWEF Chairman John Wallace has pledged, if at all possible, to travel to any chapter to present a GW pin and certificate.

The NSSAR extends its deep appreciation to each of these new fellows for their support of the GWEF, which currently stands at approximately \$810,000.00.

These eight new fellows join 55 other ALSSAR compatriots and ladies who are already GW fellows.

The Alabama Society currently has the largest number, in terms of gross figures, of GW fellows of any of the state societies.

—John R. Wallace

Kemp

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jump behind enemy lines carrying a portable typewriter and a carbine.

Kemp also covered the replacement of Gen. Douglas MacArthur by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway while in Korea.

In between wars and after retiring from the Army, Kemp worked as a newspaper reporter and editor at several newspapers.

A history buff and a member of the Alabama Genealogy Society, Kemp was active in the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The Dothan chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans honored him with a lifetime achievement award named in his honor, to be presented annually to an SCV member from southeast Alabama.

Kemp served for six years as chapter president of the Tri-State and Wiregrass chapters of the Sons of American Revolution.

Through his efforts and leadership, a monument was erected on the grounds of the Ozark-Dale County Library honoring the Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Dale County.

Also, he is carried as a member of the First Families of Alabama and a member of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Anne Kemp of Fayetteville, Tenn.; one daughter, Jeanne Stratton of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two sons, Michael Kemp of Dunedin, Fla., and Matt Kemp of Fayetteville, Tenn.; five grandchildren; three sisters, Laura Estelle Rosendahl of Texas City, Texas; Leora Kemp of DeSoto, Texas; and Margaret Kerby of Dallas, Texas; three brothers, James Clinton Kemp of Jonesboro, Ga.; Sam Kemp of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Howard Kemp of Fort Worth, Texas; and a number of nieces, nephews and ALSSAR compatriots that considered him a dear friend.

Saying goodbye to Richard Kemp difficult for Wiregrass area friends

On Feb. 7, 2006, the ALSSAR lost a real gem! Stubborn, crusty, and many times hardheaded, Dick Kemp was the type of compatriot who was constantly looking to improve and expand the presence of the SAR especially within the southeastern corner of our state.

He was one of the first in this area to have a uniform and willingly traveled all over Alabama when asked to participate at a grave marking or other SAR event with the state color guard.

Somehow he was constantly finding potential members, and in the end had sponsored 52 people into the NSSAR.

His fourth OLC to his Liberty Medal was to have been presented at the upcoming Congress.

Dick's philosophy was that you had to help 'um with their application and he often took off to the State Archives, Georgia, Florida or who knows where in Alabama to find that one missing piece of information to complete the paperwork.

While we depend on the computer to generate the final application, Dick to the very end would pound them out on his typewriter – a throw back to his years as a newspaperman. He must have had a cache of ribbons dating back to the early '80s!

Proud to the very end of his military career, Dick would willingly trade "war stories" over a cup of coffee. Despite all his years in the Army and working as a newspaper editor, he never, however, learned the art of making a good cup of coffee!

For years we knew that on Flag Day, there would be an editorial which he had written to the local newspapers on the importance of Old Glory and the principles for what she stood.

Dick essentially brought the SAR to southeastern Alabama and served as chapter president of both the Tri-State and Wiregrass chapters – groups he himself had been instrumental in forming.

While sitting at the same table several years ago at the state convention in Huntsville, tears welled up in his eyes when his name was announced as the recipient of the Patriot Medal. His service to the ALSSAR included five years as the state genealogist but his biggest regret was that he was never able to attend a Congress.

Dick, it is very difficult to say "goodbye" — we are all going to miss you! Your counsel, insight and dedication set a very high standard for all of us. Please remember what I always told you, "Stay out of trouble!"

—John

Kemp's brother thanks ALSSAR members

Dear friends of my brother Dick:

I just wanted to take a minute to tell you how much your friendships meant to him.

I also wanted to tell you what he taught me about commitment. Dick and I had different mothers so we did not become acquainted until later in life. But once we did, it was like we grew up together!

When we both lived in Texas, Dick and I entered into a business venture together, that I had hoped he would involve himself in. Later, when he moved to Alabama, our contact grew less. After a while, he completely withdrew from our business partnership, saying that he wanted to devote all his efforts to the SAR.

I later found out that he had pretty much withdrew from everything else as well. After he found out about his illness, we started talking a lot more. He told me that he had recruited 48 members to the SAR and that he really wanted to get to 50 before he died. I told him that maybe we could take care of that because our brother Howard (who still lives in Texas) and I would

make applications. He had tried a couple of times to recruit me — but I wasn't interested and he was too busy working with people who were to chase me!

After we were approved in December, Dick had his 50!

A week and a half ago Dick called me and said that he wanted to go to the VA Hospital in Montgomery so I drove up to Enterprise and took him to Montgomery, where our brother Jim (who lives in Atlanta) met us.

On the way up, he informed me that his 51st applicant had just been approved! Who else but Dick would continue such devotion to the SAR on his deathbed!

I may never develop the love and devotion to the SAR that Dick had but I will continue my affiliation out of honor and respect to this great Soldier and Patriot.

Thank you again for your friendship to Dick.

—Sam Kemp
Jacksonville, Florida

In Memory...

Clifton Capell

The Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter lost one of its regular members in early 2006 when Clifton Capell passed away.

CLIFTON POWELL CAPELL, 79 and a longtime resident of Montgomery, died in a local hospital on Jan. 7.

Capell was born in Camden on Sept. 23, 1926, the son of John Simpson and Mary Lucile Powell Capell. He was retired from the United States Air Force and the State of Alabama.

In addition to his ALSSAR service, Capell was a member of the Mayflower Society as well as Heritage Baptist

Church.

Capell is survived by his wife, Billie Riley Capell, of Montgomery; two daughters, Mary Anne Capell Wilson of Clearwater, Fla., and Nancy Capell Logan of Trussville; and one son, Clifton Charles Capell of Peachtree City, Ga.; one brother, John Simpson Capell Jr., of Birmingham; and seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held on Jan. 9 and burial followed in the Alabama Heritage Cemetery.

—Photo courtesy of Brad Sanders

A supplemental record

General Richard Montgomery chapter president Bruce Pickette, right, congratulates John “Buck” Newman after presenting him with seven supplemental certificates at the chapter’s January meeting. This is one of the greatest number of supplementals presented to one member in the 50-year history of the Montgomery chapter. Compatriot Newman previously had five supplemental awards, bringing his total to 12.



—Photo courtesy of Brad Sanders

New Montgomery compatriot

General Richard Montgomery chapter president Bruce Pickett, center, installed Mike McCreedy as a new member during the January meeting. Compatriot John “Buck” Newman, one of McCreedy’s sponsors, presents him with his membership certificate and pin. McCreedy is from Montgomery and is the executive director of the F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald Museum in Montgomery. He currently lives in the Fitzgerald’s old home, which also houses the museum.



ALSSAR observes Cowpens anniversary

Facing temperatures in the 40's and strong gusty winds, seven members of the ALSSAR, representing three chapters, helped honor the memory of the patriots who fought at the Battle of Cowpens near Gaffney, SC.

Cahaba-Coosa's Glenn Nivens and Dr. Rick Price, along with John Kelsoe and Bruce Taylor of the Wiregrass chapter joined the massed color guard at the Washington Light Infantry Monument on the battlefield where approximately 100 wreaths were placed.

In addition to the ALSSAR wreath presented by past president John Wallace, George W. Sims presented a wreath from the Cullman chapter.

Wiregrass chapter president John R. Fuller led the delegation from that section of the state.

The 225th anniversary of the Jan. 17, 1781 battle included a SAR/DAR wreath presentation, a 21-gun salute and Taps.

The four-day event also featured guided walking tours of the battlefield, talks by various Revolutionary War authors and demonstrations by both patriot and English re-enactors who also staged battle reenactments.

— John Wallace



—Photo courtesy of John Wallace

Among the ALSSAR compatriots observing the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens were, from left: John Wallace, Rick Price, John Kelsoe, Bruce Taylor, Glenn Nivens and John Fuller.

—Photo by Col. John Griscom

Blue Star Salute corporate sponsor

Jennifer Denholm, director of marketing for Alabama Central Credit Union, Inc., is presented a Blue Star Salute banner after signing on as a corporate sponsor of the second annual event, set for May 20. Joining Denholm, center, are officers and members of the Blue Star Salute Foundation, from left: Byron White, Jim Chambers, Rachel Clinkscale and event coordinator R. Glenn Nivens. The event, which will be held from noon-7 p.m. at the Shelby County Airport Facility, will honor America's military on Armed Forces Day.



Etowah compatriot appointed to copyright royalty board

Judge James S. Sledge has been appointed to lead a new Copyright Royalty Board by James S. Billington, Librarian of Congress.

Along with two other judges, Sledge will determine and adjust rates and terms of statutory licenses set out by the Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act of

2004. He will serve a six-year term in his new appointment.

Sledge recently retired as a federal bankruptcy judge in the Northern District of Alabama.

Sledge is the state chancellor of the Sons of the American Revolution and is a member of the Etowah chapter. He has been

active in civic affairs in Gadsden and is a past member of the board of the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

Sledge, a graduate of Auburn University and the University of Alabama School of Law, is married to Joan Nichols. They have two children, Joanna and Privott.

—Arthur L. Ennis



—Photo by Rachel Clinkscale

Happy birthday Ben Franklin!

The Cahaba-Coosa chapter celebrated Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday at the North Shelby Library in Hoover with more than 50 students. Celebrating the occasion were, from left: Glenn Nivens, Cahaba-Coosa president Curtis "C.W." Posey, Franklin (Phillip McEntee of the American Village), Dr. Rick Price and Eddie Bowling.

Wiregrass theme: 'Let's get involved'

At the January meeting of the Wiregrass chapter, president John Ray Fuller announced a "Let's Get Involved" theme for all chapter compatriots during 2006.

With the wide array of programs sponsored by the chapter to include membership recruitment, high school student recognition, presentation of JROTC medals, planned grave markings, Web site development, newsletter preparation, color guard activities, presentation of flag certificates not to mention the essay, orations and eagle scout programs; it was felt that there are ample opportunities for each chapter member to play an active role in some aspect of the chapter's yearly programs.

Key to all of this is membership growth and to this end, president Fuller challenged the membership to submit one new application per month.

Given the chapter had nine new members in 2005 and only one member lost to non-payment of dues, it was felt this was a very achievable goal.

—John R. Wallace

Spring Board of Managers meeting set for May 13

The ALSSAR spring Board of Managers meeting will be held at the 1854 Old Courthouse in Columbiana on Saturday, May 13 beginning at 10 a.m.

All Alabama Society members are invited to attend and participate, with the following entitled by the Society by-laws to vote on the issues:

- elected officers of the ALSSAR.
- ALSSAR past presidents.
- Each chapter may have two voting

members, in addition to those listed above.

Details of the meeting and reports from officers, state committee chairmen and chapter presidents will be posted on the chapter's Web site (alssar.org) and mailed to those without Internet access.

Reservations also will be taken for lunch and arrangements are being made to open the nearby museum for a guided tour to BOM attendees in the afternoon.

This museum contains memorabilia from George and Martha Washington and Robert E. Lee, including one of the only four letters that George wrote Martha that she didn't burn, the letter detailing George's appointment as the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army.

ALSSAR president Larry Cornwell is inviting chapter presidents to bring up-and-coming members to the BOM to get them involved at the state level.



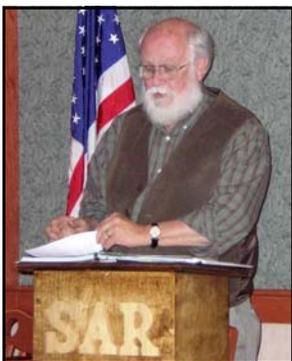
—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

Ed Blount receives Law Enforcement medal and certificate.

Gen. Galvez honors Blount

At its January meeting, the Gen. Galvez chapter inducted Dr. Barry Booth of Spanish Fort into the society and honored compatriot Ed Blount Sr. with the Law Enforcement medal for his long and exemplary service in this field.

At its March meeting, the chapter welcomed new member Dr. John Lee, who is transferring from Florida to Alabama and listened to guest speaker Art Green, a member of several historical and genealogical societies who has written four books on the Civil War and spoke on the subject.



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

Art Green spoke at March meeting.



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

2006 General Galvez officers

At its January meeting, the General Galvez chapter installed its new officers for 2006, from left: secretary-treasurer Emory “Bud” McDonald; president Leroy McGaughy; past chapter and ALSSAR president Price Legg, who installed the officers; vice president Craig Rhodes and outgoing president Mike Glass.



—Photo courtesy of Jerome Richardson

Tri-State orations winner

Tri-State past president Robert K. Dunaway, left, and 2005 president Jerome Richardson, right, stand with Brent Melvin, the Tri-State orations winner who is a member of Chipola chapter, Florida Society CAR, of which Tri-State is a co-sponsor.



—Photo courtesy of Charles Howell

New Cheaha member

Cheaha chapter president Lt. Col. Charles Samuel Howell presents a membership certificate to the chapter’s newest compatriot, his nephew John Mark Howell, at the chapter’s November meeting.



—Photo by John Ponder

2006 Birmingham chapter officers

Edward Overton Cailleteau of Baton Rouge, La., recently installed the 2006 officers for the Birmingham chapter, from left: vice-president Bob Thomas, sergeant-at-arms Bobby Joe Seales, president John Killian, secretary Glenn Nivens, chancellor John Packard, chaplain Charles Baker and past president and Board of Managers member Michael Wells. Not pictured are treasurer Ernest Hansberger, registrar Tom Caldwell, genealogist Lamar Thomas and surgeon Wayne Finley.



—Photo by John Ponder

Birmingham Law Enforcement award

Jefferson County sheriff Mike Hale, center, receives the Law Enforcement medal and certificate from 2005 chapter president Dr. Fred Olive, left, and 2006 chapter president Rev. John Killian.



—Photo by Rachel Clinkscale

Haynes grave-marking ceremony

From left, Carole Thomas, Glenn Nivens, Eddie Bowling and Dr. Lamar Thomas were among those helping in the Elizabeth Walker Haynes' grave-marking ceremony in Pell City on Dec. 3, a joint effort from the SAR and CAR.

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Send in your chapter's news to be included in the next newsletter

Please submit photos and information about your chapter for the June newsletter. June 5 is the deadline to get information in. You can mail information to Tim Gayle, 3573 Foxhall Drive, Montgomery, AL 36111 or send photos or stories via e-mail to timgayle@alltel.net.

Ben Cheney wins ALSSAR Eagle Scout award

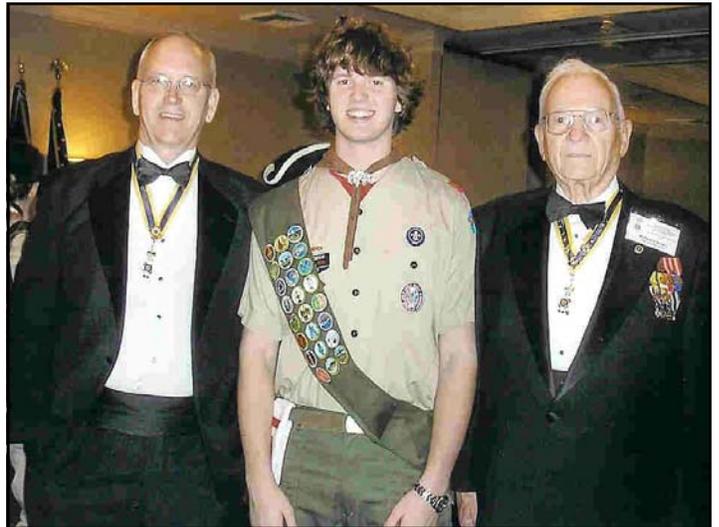
Ben Cheney earned the ALSSAR's Eagle Scout Scholarship Award at its recent state convention in Huntsville.

Of his scouting experience, Ben wrote, "I was awarded my Eagle Scout Award and the Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor on the same night at the Wednesday night campfire last summer at Camp Alaflo, where I served for six years, each of them as the "Outstanding Staff Member."

Cheney has 24 Merit Badges and has been active in the Scouts since joining the Tiger Cubs as a first grader 12 years ago. He is an Order of the Arrow National Leadership Seminar attendee. He was elected the Woodlore Camping School's permanent patrol leader which he attended as a Scout and has gone on to serve on the school staff, receiving the honor of Outstanding Staff Member in 2003 as chosen as Senior Patrol Leader for this year's school.

Cheney has performed on Cowikee Lodge's Order of the Arrow Pre-Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil Ceremony Teams, winning first place overall at the 2002 Conclave with the Pre-Ordeal team.

In addition to scouting activities, Cheney has been outstanding in school, church and community activities and presently serves as state president of the Children of the American Colonists. He is on track to become Dothan High's valedictorian this year and plans to attend Huntingdon College after graduation.



—Photo courtesy of Anne Cheney

Eagle Scout winner Ben Cheney with father John, left, and grandfather Robert, right, at state convention.

Cheney's father John is a past president of the Tri-State chapter and his grandfather Robert is a past ALSSAR president as well as past Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter president.

— Anne Cheney