



# SAR Alabama



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am looking at my calendar and find my administration and my role as your state president of the Alabama Society coming to a positive conclusion with the upcoming state convention and election of a new slate of state officers scheduled for Feb. 20, 2016 at the Marriott Legends in Prattville.

I want to personally extend a warm welcome and invitation for all our chapter members across Alabama to come together in concluding the remaining business on our state business agenda, electing our new slate of officers for the upcoming year and enjoying one another's company and friendship in an atmosphere of simple fun and enjoyment!

Please come and join us! You will be very glad you did! I will be most honored to see and greet everyone I have had the pleasure to work with from all our chapters over this special weekend.

In looking back over the last year we have a lot to be very proud of regarding our efforts, productivity and hard work. This is the year we were able to give ownership of the Alabama Society back to all our local SAR chapters across Alabama! The ownership is significant but what our chapters do with the responsibility associated with ownership over the

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—Photo by Tim Gayle

**Grave-marking ceremony for patriot ALSSAR vice-president Fred Olive, left, and president Bill Stone pause in front of wreaths at the grave-marking service of Revolutionary War patriot Lewis Cookson Davis near Autaugaville on Oct. 17. Story, page 6.**

## Prattville holds first ALSSAR convention

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The city of Prattville will hold its first-ever major Sons of the American Revolution event when the Alabama Society conducts its annual state convention at the Legends Marriott Hotel and Conference Center at Capitol Hill on Feb. 19-20, 2016.

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## Former president passes

Former ALSSAR and Tennessee Valley chapter president Bill Pittman passed away on Oct. 21. He was 94.

Pittman joined the Sons of the American Revolution in March, 1980 and became president of the Tennessee Valley chapter in 1983-84. He served as the state society president in 1990-91.

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## Sulligent honors 5 Revolutionary patriots

On Oct. 3, a cool, rainy, windy Saturday, the long forgotten village of Moscow in Lamar County became alive with the Sons of the American Revolution Honoring Ceremony held in Moore-Hill Cemetery.

SAR members, friends and patriot descendants traveled from Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida, Louisiana, and within Alabama to remember and to honor five patriots of the Revolutionary

War: Sgt. Daniel Holiday, Pvt. John Roebuck Sr., Pvt. Thomas Stanford, Pvt. James Lindsey and Sgt. Richard Priddy.

Before the honoring ceremony, the color guard marched down Main Street in Sulligent during Old Fashion Day festivities, then traveled to Moore-Hill Cemetery.

Rev. Robert Stamps (retired Navy) of Mulberry Springs Baptist

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—Photo by James Poarch

Color Guard at Sulligent ceremony.

## Message

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next few years will determine how strong we are to become in promoting patriotic outreach throughout our communities, growing our membership role and numbers across Alabama and playing a more predominant leadership role at the national level of the Sons of the American Revolution.

This is the year we were able to come together in an atmosphere of respect and friendship directed toward one another among our membership and get some significant changes made and some obtainable goals accomplished for the good of all our state-wide membership. It all started with the notion that "things really needed to get better for the benefit of all of us and the old partisan ways of friction and discontent needed to leave our mindset and become a memory of our past."

It started with discarding the word "I" and reinstituting the word "We" because it takes a multitude of goal-orientated individuals who are dedicated and willing to work together in harmony to take on and accomplish complicated tasks. It also requires a quality leadership team with long-term vision and dedication to establish long-range planning and execution for the much larger projects. Our chapters are now fully aware they are most responsible for producing the necessary leaders to serve as our future officers and board of manager members at the state level. These selected chapter members will be the upcoming individuals who will guide our course and direction in future times of continued prosperity!

Our leadership situation is getting better and places us in good hands. We have a lot to be proud of and we have a good foundation upon which to build a bright and happy future for the Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution!

My involvement in the SAR this year has extended to serving as Alabama Society president, chairman of the National Library & Archives Committee, member of the SAR Executive Committee, member of the SAR Implementations Committee and SAR Project Manager over the Solid Light Vision and Interpretative Plan for the SAR Educational Exhibits. Among those privileged responsibilities just listed, the one most important and dear to me was my role as your Alabama Society president!

I want to personally thank each of you and all the members of the Alabama Society for making this presidential year so memorable for me and my family. It has truly been an honor to serve you and therefore I extend my very best wishes and support in 2016 to our new chapter and state leaders and to the state-wide, quality membership which makes up the Alabama Society!

Kindest of Regards,

—Bill Stone

## Pittman

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A World War II veteran, he served with the Marine Corps in the Guadalcanal campaign. He was retired from Army Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal and had been recently inducted into the Army Material Command Hall of Fame.

William C. Pittman Jr. was born in Pontotoc, Miss., on April 21, 1922. After graduating from high school he joined the CCC and spent approximately one year working in California.

A product of the Great Depression, he decided to join the Marine Corps in June, 1940, hitchhiking from Pontotoc to New Orleans to enlist. He was sent by train to San Diego to boot camp, then to South Carolina on the way to assignment in Iceland. He was rerouted to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for tropical conditioning after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, then into combat at Guadalcanal as a communication specialist. While there, he contracted malaria and was shipped back to the United States for recovery in 1943. After a brief stint at Camp LeJeune, N.C., for advanced communication training, he returned to the combat zone in Saipan, where he was greeted by a medical corpsman who informed him that a LeJeune exam had revealed tuberculosis and was medically discharged.

In 1946, Pittman enrolled at Mississippi State and used his GI Bill to pay for his degree. A series of events occurred that propelled him toward his life's purpose. He was on his way to meet his future wife Eloise, a secretary at the Gilmer Hotel in Columbus, Miss., when he heard on the radio a recruiter from Redstone Arsenal was at the hotel taking applications.

Pittman was eventually hired by Hans Heuter, the chief mechanical engineer for Dr. Werner von Braun who was in the process of building a team with American colleagues that would eventually be responsible for taking Americans into space and to the moon.

"When we saw that first Red-



***Pittman and his wife Eloise before the 1990 Congress.***

stone Rocket take off, we realized that we were in the hands of a genius and were part of a great historical event," Pittman said in a 2009 article in *The Redstone Rocket*. From 1953-58, 37 Redstones were fired to test structure, engine performance, guidance and control, tracking and telemetry.

Holder of 15 patents, Pittman has received numerous awards and commendations over the years, culminating with his selection to the Army Material Command Hall of Fame.

In addition to the SAR, he was active in numerous organizations and professional societies that included Disabled American Veterans, First Marine Division Association, 9th Marine Defense Battalion Association, Association of the U.S. Army, Institute of Radio Engineers, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Pittman was preceded in death by his wife, Eloise. He is survived by his children, Patricia Ready (Jim), Billy (Miriam) and Tom (Judy); grandchildren, Spencer Ready, Will Ready (Haley), Carlin Pittman, Mitchell Pittman, and Jacob Pittman.

Services were held on Oct. 24 at Maple Hill Cemetery with Dr. Gary Bradley officiating.

# By-law changes proposed for state convention

*NOTE: At the Oct. 10 ALSSAR Board of Managers meeting, two proposed amendments to the by-laws of the Alabama Society were approved by the board. The first proposed amendment would create an executive committee for the Alabama Society, while the second would make changes to the duties of the ALSSAR treasurer with regard to the endowment committee.*

*The rules of the Alabama Society require that these proposed by-law changes are presented to the compatriots for their consideration before a vote is taken at the state convention in February.*

## ARTICLE XVIII

### The Board of Managers

*Section 1:* The Board of Managers shall have control and management of the affairs of the Society. It may call special meetings of the Board of Managers at any time upon the written request of seven members of the Board of Managers. It shall have power to fill vacancies in any office of the Society or in the Board of Managers.

*Section 2:* The Executive Committee shall exist as a representative body of the Board of Managers in executing, maintaining and executing extra-ordinary business affairs of the Alabama Society that might arise during the intervals between meetings of the Board of Managers and between meetings of the Board of Managers and the Annual Meeting; i.e. to act ad interim. The Committee shall serve as counsel to advise the President on planning and operational matters of the state society about which he or the Board of Managers deems the counsel of the Committee to be needed or helpful for that purpose. Specifically, the Committee shall have the duty to meet on call of the President and act for the Board of Managers ad interim to consider spending discretionary funds. The Committee may conduct its business by mail, email, by electronic means, or telephone in lieu of convening in person provided, however, that each member of the Committee shall confirm by email or hard copy letter to the Secretary, each vote he has given verbally whether by telephone or other electronic media.

*Section 3:* The Executive Committee is a standing committee of the state society and shall include the following members: President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chancellor (non-voting), two Chapter Presidents as selected by the President who will strive for the widest possible geographical distribution and a past Alabama Society President selected by the other members of the Committee.

*Section 4:* Four voting members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee; all matters approved by the Committee must have a majority of the members; i.e., three out of four or five, four out of six or seven.

*Section 5:* The Committee will have the authority to authorize the expenditure of discretionary funding from the general operating fund of the Society. Such funding authority shall not exceed the special Executive Committee discretionary line item approved by the Board of Managers per calendar year for the purpose of conducting daily business and/or emergency funding necessary for the immediate needs and requirements for sound business practices and operation of the Alabama Society. The Committee may not increase/decrease the budgeted amounts of youth awards or other prizes authorized by the Society Board of Managers.

*Section 6:* The Committee shall be established following each Annual Meeting after the election of incoming state officers and the members announced on the

Alabama Society website, in the SAR Alabama, and via other media. A report shall be made by a member of the Executive Committee appointed by the President at the next meeting of the Board of Managers or Annual Meeting listing Executive Committee members present and detailing all actions taken by the Committee since its last report.

## ARTICLE V

### Society Endowment Fund Committee and Responsibilities

**CURRENT:** *Section 1.* It shall be the responsibility of the committee to manage The Fund, **however, the Society Treasurer will execute all actions taken against The Fund; such as new investments, withdrawals and any other contact with the investment institution.**

**DELETE:** **however, the Society Treasurer will execute all actions taken against The Fund; such as new investments, withdrawals and any other contact with the investment institution.**

**Justification:** Endowment funds are now held by the Community Foundation of South Alabama and under the existing agreement their point of contact with the Alabama Society is the Endowment Fund Committee. Under the existing agreement, individuals and chapters may make direct contributions without having to go through state treasurer. At the same time the Community Foundation of South Alabama can receive directly stocks and real property on behalf of the state society and liquidate these items and reinvest funds in the ALSSAR Endowment Fund. These latter functions do not currently exist, and the state treasurer had no means to handle these actions. Likewise it is the Endowment Fund Committee that makes recommendations to the Community Foundation of South Alabama on distributions within the guideline established by the Community Foundation of South Alabama for endowments.

**ADD:** along with keeping the membership, chapters and the state society informed on means to make contributions to the endowment fund and the potential benefits to the state society that the Endowment Fund can achieve.

**If Approved:** *Section 1:* It shall be the responsibility of the committee to manage The Fund, along with keeping the membership, chapters and the state society informed on means to make contributions to the endowment fund and the potential benefits to the state society that the Endowment Fund can achieve.

**Section 9.** The Society Treasurer will be a nonvoting member of the committee. He will be the **single Society point of contact with the investment institution(s), make deposit of investments, make distribution of the return on investment monies that are used for Society support, change the allocation of invested funds, change the investment institution, as directed, and report on The Fund's financial performance/status in the Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer will maintain a file of **all transactions** statements pertaining to The Fund.

**Delete high lighted areas**

**Justifications: See above.**

**If Approved:** *Section 9.* The Society Treasurer will be a nonvoting member of the committee. He will make distributions of the return on investment monies that are used for Society support, and report on The Fund's financial performance/status in the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer will maintain a file of statements pertaining to The Fund.

—Photo courtesy of Jason Williams

## New Richard Henry Lee compatriots

*ALSSAR president Bill Stone, far right, was the featured speaker at the October meeting of the Richard Henry Lee chapter. Stone spoke at the monthly meeting of the chapter, then helped chapter president Jason Williams by inducting four new members into the chapter. The new members are, from left: Stephen Caton, Richard Guthrie, Bill Alverson and Jerry Purcell.*



# In Memory...

The Black Warrior River chapter recently lost one of its longtime members when **TONY NEATHERY** passed away peacefully on Oct. 4 after a short illness. He was 84.

Neatherly was born in Atlanta, Ga., and served in the United States Navy during the Korean conflict. He graduated from the University of Alabama majoring in geology and chemistry and was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Neatherly was employed by Geological Survey of Alabama for many years and co-authored the 1988 Geological Map of Alabama. He was the founding father of the Alabama State Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists and was granted License No. 1. He is credited with the discovery of the Wetumpka Impact Crater and had written numerous journal articles, survey publications and



*Neatherly, right, at 2012 convention.*

Society guidebooks.

He was a member of the Society of Sigma Xi honorary, a Fellow for the Geological Society of America and held memberships in other geological insti-

tutes. He was in private practice for more than 25 years.

In addition to his service to the Black Warrior River chapter, he was elected Governor of the Alabama Central District Civitan Club, was a charter member of the Alabama Geological Society as well as a member of the Society of Saint Andrews and a member of the Society of the Cincinnati.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Patricia Neatherly; daughters, Susan Neatherly Fochtman of Atlanta, Ga., and Leanne Neatherly Sauers (Robby) of Birmingham; and four grandsons, William David Fochtman, Thomas Joseph Fochtman, Robert David Sauers and Jackson Lee Sauers.

A memorial service was held on Oct. 8 at Canterbury Chapel Episcopal Church.

## Sulligent

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Church graciously allowed their fellowship hall to serve as a welcome center with Lamar County Genealogical & Historical Society members providing refreshments to travelers participating in the ceremony.

Barb Carruth, vice president of the Lamar County Genealogical & Historical Society, welcomed the group to the Sulligent area. The SAR Color Guard, under the command of Bob Anderson, presented the colors. The invocation was given by Stamps. Wayne Baines, president of the Lamar County Genealogical & Historical Society, led the pledge and greetings were given by Shoals president Joel Mize.

A distinguished roster of speakers was presented to those in attendance. NSSAR Southern District Vice President General Michael Wells stirred our hearts with "Remember Me" tribute to our departed patriots. ALSSAR president Bill Stone talked of "SAR Patriotic Outreach Within Our Communities." Former Vice President General Rick Hollis held our attention with "Our Obligation to Our Forefathers."

Kay Koonce then presented each patriot's biography:

**Sgt. Daniel Holladay** (aka Holiday/Holliday) S10867: SC Troops, under Lt.



*—Photo by James Poarch*

### *Color Guard assemble for march on Main Street in Sulligent.*

Fuller, for 3 years, served in 2nd Regiment of regular Troops (SC Continental Line) under Lt. Hall, Capt. James McDaniel & General William Moultrie. From High Hills of Santee, Sumpter District, marched to Ft. Moultrie, Sullivan's Island, Charleston SC; after 2.5 years, hired a substitute, George Powell (paid 200 pounds). Stated he is known (in 1832) by Col. John Hollis; Col. James Moore & D. Hollis, Esquire.

**Pvt. John Roebuck Sr.:** Spartan Regiment of Spartanburg SC; aka Roebuck's Regmt. Mudlick Creek, March 1781; Under Col. Benjamin Roebuck & Lt. Col. Henry White; at William's Fort, Newberry

District SC. Roebuck & White led 150 men against a heavily fortified location, much outnumbered. Shown on roster in a "snapshot" of muster roll printed in Spartanburg newspaper.

**Pvt. James Lindsey,** S10992: Enlisted Orange Co NC, Feb 1781, under Capt. Thompson & Col. Thomas Taylor. Battle of Guilford Courthouse; from Troublesome Iron Works chased British to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River, thence to Raleigh. Guarded British & Tory prisoners at Hillsboro.

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—Photos by Carl Thornton

**The Sons of Liberty and Shoals chapters coordinated ceremonies for, from left: John Roebuck, Thomas Stanford and James Lindsey on Oct. 3.**

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**Pvt. Thomas Stanford**, S11463: Enlisted Chester District SC, Feb 1776; under Capt. George Wade & Col. Thomas Sumter. Joined army at Eutaw Springs and marched to Charleston SC > Sullivan’s Island > Haddrell Point. Battle of Rocky Comfort Creek GA, against Indians under Capt. Nixon & Col Lacey. At Augusta GA (no action reported). Wateree Creek to join Col Sumter’s command; Friday’s Fort/Ferry (Ft. Granby) battle. Thompson’s Fort/Siege of Belleville at Thompson’s Plantation; skirmish. Marched to Wright’s Bluff near Eutaw

Springs, skirmish at Ft. Watson. Marched to near Camden SC; skirmish at possibly Ratcliff’s Bridge (Lee Co SC).

**Sgt. Richard Priddy**, W5593: Enlisted for 3 years in VA by August, 1776 in 1st VA Line, Northern Continentals under Capt. John Fleming; Col. Isaac Read/Col. Richard Parker & Col. William Davies. Battle of Monmouth; taking of Stony Point Fort; served until Aug 1779, discharged from service at Rappaugh, NY. Thomas Hubbard, S17227 appeared on behalf of applicant and testified that he served as Quartermaster of same 1st VA Continental Line, was acquainted with Priddy

and statements correct.

Descendants participating in the event, honoring their patriot were (Sgt. Daniel Holiday) Kay Koonce and Paula Lampkins; (Pvt. John Roebuck Sr.) Deana Newell-Vernon.; (Pvt. Thomas Stanford) James Pruet and Bobby Stanford; (Sgt. Richard Priddy) Geoff Baggett.

Kay Koonce honored Pvt. James Lindsey in absence of a descendant.

Before closing a Southern District wreath, ALSSAR wreath and other SAR chapter wreaths were placed on site along with an individual grave marking placed at Daniel Holladay’s grave and Sgt. Richard

Priddy’s grave.

Bob Baccus played “Taps” before colors were retrieved by the Color Guard. Rev. Stamps offered the benediction and dismissal for the group.

After the ceremony, a convoy led by Mize traveled to grave sites of patriots not buried in Moore-Hill Cemetery, stopping first at James Lindsey’s gravesite in Moscow-Armstrong Cemetery, then on to Old Nebo Cemetery near Vernon to visit the gravesite of Thomas Stanford before completing the journey northeast of Sulligent at John Roebuck’s grave in Henson Springs Cemetery.

—Barb Carruth



—Photos by Carl Thornton

**The ceremony also placed SAR markers at the graves of Richard Priddy, left, and Daniel Holladay.**

## Rev. Lewis Davis honored in grave-marking service

More than 80 people were on hand Oct. 17 for the grave-marking ceremony of Rev. Lewis Cookson Davis, a Revolutionary War soldier who is buried in a family cemetery just west of Autaugaville.

Linda Davis, a member of the DAR's Amelia Island chapter in northeast Florida, recalled her visit to the cemetery back in the 1970s.

"I went there when I was 30," Davis said. "That whole field was like a thicket. It was like you'd step on a rattlesnake any minute. The whole place was grown up. I could not get in there myself. I had a camera with 110 film in it and stuck it in there and went click. June Rush Carter, from Selma, is in the DAR over there and got those people to come cut it down and she put the military marker up there for him in the 1980s.

"This is wonderful," she added. "This is what it's all about, American preservation and keeping our heritage alive."

Over the past two months, a pair of Prattville organizations, the SAR's Gen. John Archer Elmore chapter and the DAR's Atagi chapter, finished what was started 30 years ago, clearing the underbrush with the help of the Boy Scouts and cleaning the existing markers of Davis and his family.

"It is a very special occasion to come here today and be a part of this event," NSSAR Southern District Vice-President General Michael Wells said. "So far this year we've had three or four grave-marking ceremonies and every



—Photo by Tim Gayle

### *Southern District Vice-President General Michael Wells addresses the crowd in Autaugaville.*

time I come to these, it seems like it gets larger and larger in participation, which is wonderful."

Gen. John A. Elmore chapter president Allen Herrod gave opening remarks at the ceremony and a color guard from Montgomery's Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter presented the colors. Linda Davis, Walter Hayden, Michael Atcheson and Bill Davis were among the

descendants who spoke of their ancestor, who fought with Gen. George Washington at Germantown, wintered at Valley Forge and fought in the Battle of Monmouth. Later, the Virginia native settled in Georgia and would move to Alabama when that area became a state in 1819.

"He was just a teenager, 19, when he did all this (in the Revolutionary War)," Linda Davis said. "Then he came to Alabama and opened it up (for settlement), he brought the Bible and was a Baptist minister. He was one of the first people to baptize people here and bring the word."

ALSSAR president Bill Stone thanked current property owners O.H. Pickford, John Pickford and Carolyn Gray for allowing the ceremony to take place on their land and praised Atagi regent Sue Spears and vice-regent Mary Buehler as well as Herrod and John A. Elmore compatriots Mack Clark and Bruce Buehler for their efforts in organizing the event.

Lastly, Stone offered thanks to the Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter color guard for their participation in the event; to Autaugaville United Methodist Church pastor Jabe Fincher Jr., for the use of his facility for a reception; and to Boy Scout Troop 307 members Drew Gayle and Jack Porter and Boy Scout Troop 386 member Ryan Gayle for their cleanup of the cemetery.

He also thanked the audience for their help in honoring Davis.

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—Photos by Tim Gayle

*Before and after photos of the cemetery with cleanup work by the Boy Scouts and marker cleaning by the DAR.*

## Galvez chapter learns complications of litigation

Local attorney Brian McCarthy was the featured speaker at the October meeting of the Gen. Galvez chapter, giving SAR members a better understanding of just how detailed and complicated litigation can be.

Chapter president Edmon McKinley welcomed guests and members to the October meeting at Felix's Seafood Restaurant and the chapter discussed its annual involvement in the Christmas Angel Tree program for veterans at the William Greene Veterans' home in Bay Minette. These patriotic warrior men and women deserve much more gratitude and respect than they are given. Were it not for these people making a stand against evil America would not exist.

Chapter members also noted McKinley's participation in a Revolutionary War grave-marking ceremony in Sulligent on Oct. 3 and several chapter members who participated in the DAR memorial to women who served in the military and the placing of a monument to them at the State Veterans Cemetery at Spanish Fort.

McCarthy, a member of McDowell, Knight, Roedder & Sledge, LLC, has tried scores of significant cases in a variety of areas of the law, including aviation, admiralty and maritime, products liability, railroad, wrongful death, personal injury, commercial litigation, professional malpractice and racial discrimination. He is a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers whose membership is limited to 500 attorneys in the United States and is president of the Mobile Bar Association. He spoke on "War Stories from the Sunset Limited and More."

McCarthy was presented an SAR certificate of appreciation for an outstanding presentation.

—Mike Glass



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

**Brian McCarthy, left, receives certificate from chapter president Edmon McKinley.**

### Davis



—Photo by Tim Gayle

**ALSSAR president Bill Stone places wreath at Davis cemetery.**

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"They have good reason to be proud of their lineage ancestor," Stone said. "One of the most important missions of the Sons of the American Revolution is to honor and remember our patriotic ancestors who fought for our freedom, gave us our liberty and established a representative form of government that created a constitution and a bill of rights to preserve it. This is the very reason we are here today to honor patriot Davis. It is the right thing to do; it is a sober and Godly thing that we should do because it reaffirms our faith in our patriotic forefathers and in the establishment of our United States."

Lewis Cookson Davis, born in Virginia in 1757, was married twice and had eight children each with Sarah Anderson and Sarah Perkins. He enlisted in the First Virginia Army at the age of 20 and served for three years. After the war, he ventured south with his Anderson in-laws and settled in Georgia, becoming a circuit-riding

Baptist preacher. In 1797, he was a licensed pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Wilkes County, Ga., before migrating west.

In Alabama, Davis and father-in-law Alvah Perkins ran a trading post. He started Ebenezer Church in Bibb County, just north of the Perry County line, in July, 1819. By 1832, Davis was pastor of the Mulberry Association Harmony Church in Autauga County. On Feb. 3, 1835, at the age of 79, he died and was buried at his residence. His second wife and a son are buried on either side of the patriot.

"Today, we can hardly conceive of their individual struggles for basic survival beyond war and striking out into a new territory, encompassed with dangers and conflicts and the hardships of daily life – and disease – they faced just to settle a new land and build a new home, a community and a nation," Stone said. "Yet, collectively, they accepted the challenge before them and in doing so changed the world."





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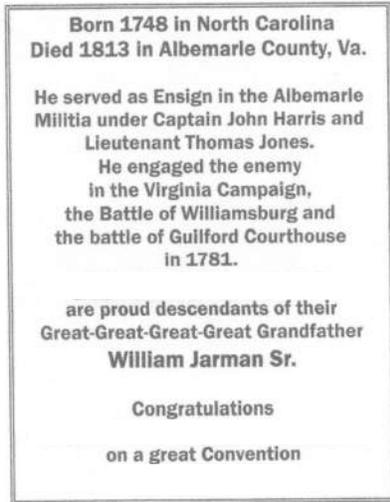
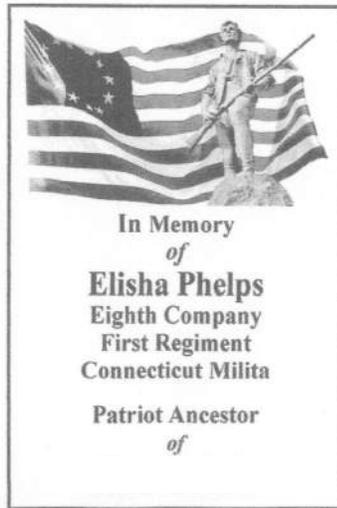
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**State**

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The city of Millbrook is joining with Prattville and the Gen. John Archer Elmore chapter to hold the annual event that culminates with the selection of new officers.

The convention gets under way with the welcoming reception from 6:30-8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 19, at the hotel, located on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Prattville.

A special genealogy workshop conducted by ALSSAR registrar Ron Bearden will be held that afternoon at the hotel. Admission is free.

The business session of the convention starts on Saturday morning at the hotel, where ALSSAR members will vote on the slate of officers approved by the nominating committee as well as a pair of proposed by-laws that can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

The George Washington Endowment Fund luncheon will be held at noon, followed by a Southern District meeting.

The highlight of the convention takes place on Saturday evening with the annual banquet and awards ceremony. After a cash bar and social hour from 6-7 p.m., the dinner starts at 7 p.m., followed by presentation of awards and the induction of officers.

***ALSSAR Nominating Committee Report  
 2016-2017 Officers***

In accordance with Article V, Section 2 of the ALSSAR Constitution, the Nominating Committee Report is provided below. The nominating committee for 2016 is Jim Maples, chairman; John Wallace; and Price Legg.

**ALSSAR Officer Nominations 2016-2017 (Article IV, Section 1 ALSSAR Constitution)**

- President..... John Fred Olive, III (Birmingham Chapter)
- Senior Vice-President..... Harold E. Thornton (Tennessee Valley Chapter)
- Secretary..... Edmon H. McKinley (Gen. Galvez Chapter)
- Recording Secretary ..... Shelly Felton Mitchell (Gen. Richard Montgomery Chapter)
- Treasurer ..... Brian E. House (Tennessee Valley Chapter)
- Registrar ..... Ronald A. Bearden (Little River Chapter)
- Chancellor ..... George W. Royer, Jr. (Tennessee Valley Chapter)
- Genealogist..... Walter B. Stevenson, Jr. (Gen. Richard Montgomery Chapter)
- Historian ..... William Larry Crabtree (Tennessee Valley Chapter)
- Chaplain ..... R. Jefferson Coker, III (Cheaha Chapter)
- Sergeant-at-Arms..... George Thomas Smith, III (Gen. Richard Montgomery Chapter)

**Endowment Fund Board (Article VI, ALSSAR Constitution)**

- 3-Year Term..... Jacob L. (J.L.) Gibson (Little River Chapter)

**Trustee/Alternate (Article V, Section 2 ALSSAR Constitution)**

- Trustee..... William O. Stone (Gen. John Archer Elmore Chapter)
- Alternate Trustee ..... John Fred Olive, III (Birmingham Chapter)

Both the Trustee and Alternate will be elected and installed at the 2016 National Congress in Boston.

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THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**NEWSLETTER OF THE ALSSAR**

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—Photo courtesy of Bruce Pickette

***Battle of Kings Mountain anniversary***

*Compatriot Bruce Pickette of the Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter presented the Alabama Society state wreath at the national ceremony celebrating the 235th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain on Oct. 7. The event is sponsored annually by the North Carolina and South Carolina societies and included the laying of more than 75 wreaths by SAR, DAR, CAR and other heritage societies. Pickette, the NSSAR Librarian General, also participated as a member of the NSSAR Color Guard and is pictured fourth from the left. He was given the honor of carrying the United States flag for the celebration. The Alabama Society was presented a streamer for its participation which Compatriot Pickette later presented to ALSSAR Color Guard commander Tom Smith at the recent ALSSAR Board of Managers meeting in Montgomery on Oct. 10.*