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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Compatriots,

I must offer you my humble thanks for allowing me to be the president of the Alabama SAR this year. My sincere thanks to so many of you who have mentored and guided me to this office. I will still need your help this year.

I want to emphasize a few points I made at the convention. Our society and the Alabama chapters should emphasize Revolutionary War history whenever possible in our programs and activities. If we do not keep the story of the American Revolution and its ideals alive, our republic will surely die as a democracy of free and independent individuals. The Alabama SAR will be seeking book reviews, articles and programs to carry out this effort. If you are interested in assisting in any way, please contact me or Dr. Bob England, our historian.

It is my intention to support, grow and strengthen the Color Guard this year. Our Color Guard is the face of the Alabama SAR and are doing a wonderful job. However, we need more members so they can participate in more activities. Let's give them more support. Already in my travels to two chapters, I have found four or five individuals who are interested in getting uniforms. There may also be a possibility of a fife and drum

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Edmon McKinley installed as ALSSAR president at state convention in Hoover

The Alabama Society's annual banquet, hosted by the Tennessee Valley chapter, was held Feb. 23 at the Embassy Suites in Hoover. The 130th event featured remarks by NSSAR Secretary General Jack Manning and the installation of new president Edmon McKinley.

McKinley's goals for this year include an emphasis being placed on Revolutionary War history being taught in our chapters and society in general. "Revolutionary War history is no longer taught in schools," McKinley noted. "Thus the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols and the value of American citizenship – one nation and one people and the trust in God — is not being maintained and expanded. I beseech all of our chapters to have more Revolutionary War programs."

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—Photo by Diane Seales

Past ALSSAR president Price Legg, left, with incoming president Edmon McKinley at state convention.

ALSSAR plaques unveiled at American Village



—Photo by Diane Seales

ALSSAR officials hold ceremonial 'ground breaking' at American Village.

Flag pole dedication ceremony set for June 21 in Montevallo

The flag poles were ready, the plaques delivered, the flags on hand for the dedication of the ALSSAR's contribution to the American Village on Feb. 22.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature dealt a crippling blow with rain that forced the "groundbreaking" ceremony indoors. A special dedication ceremony is now set for June 21 at the American Village.

The project, orchestrated by past ALSSAR president Bob Anderson and unanimously approved by the Board of Managers on Oct. 6, is an effort to increase the visibility of the ALSSAR at the American Village.

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Message

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corps. I have appointed compatriot Joe Barker of the Gen. John Archer Elmore chapter as adjutant of the Color Guard to concentrate efforts to recruit new members to grow our Color Guard.

On another subject, let me urge you to consider becoming a George Washington Fellow. We need more members from Alabama. It is easier more than ever because you can use a credit card and contribute \$100 per month to reach the goal of \$1,000. Compatriot Bobby Joe Seales, who serves as chairman of the George Washington Fellow Committee, has done a wonderful job this year. Under the leadership of compatriot Bill Stone, as chairman, the George Washington Foundation is one of the best manned foundations of the SAR.

Our convention this year in Hoover was a great success and an enjoyable experience. Activities began on Thursday with a visit to the American Village by Secretary General Manning and First Lady Shelia Manning. This was followed on Friday by a ceremonial groundbreaking at the American Village for the memorial flag pole project envisioned by ALSSAR past president Bob Anderson. The wet ground prevented a ceremony at the actual site. There was a great crowd there of members and guests. Tom Walker, CEO of American Village, gave a great inspirational welcome to the group. We look forward to being able to have the formal dedication on the actual site.

Just as a comment, I would like all of our chapters to encourage their members to have members attend our conventions to learn more about the Alabama SAR and establish SAR friendships.

On Saturday morning, pleasantly enough, there was nothing controversial to transpire at our business meeting. President Anderson presented numerous well-deserved certificates of recognition and appreciation to various members. There was the election of officers. This was followed by the orations contest. There were three very outstanding contestants. The winner was Allison Elizabeth Stanley, sponsored by the Little River chapter. The oration awards were given at Saturday's luncheon.

The Saturday night banquet was very enjoyable and President Anderson recognized many deserving members with awards. (These will be listed at another opportunity). The speech was given by Secretary General Jack Manning and President Anderson awarded him the Silver Good Citizenship Medal and made him an honorary member of the Alabama Society.

As a housekeeping matter, let me say that the spring Board of Managers meeting will be at the American Village on May 18 at 10 a.m. I encourage every chapter to send a full contingent of members. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about and be involved in the workings of the Alabama SAR in a great historical setting.

Additionally, I am pleased to announce that I have appointed Art Dillman from the Gen. Galvez chapter as our liaison to the SAR Magazine. Please send any pictures of your chapter events which you would like to be considered for inclusion in the SAR Magazine section of the State Society Chapter Events. Some short paragraph of explanation to describe the picture or event is also needed. Be sure that any picture is clear and sharp in focus and detail. Please send your picture and text to Art at the following address: Clarence A. (Art) Dillman, 508 West Amanda Avenue, Foley, AL 36535 or email him at dillmaca@centurylink.net. You can also phone him at (251) 943-6129.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve you as president and feel free to contact me at any time if I can be of assistance.

—Edmon H. McKinley

Becoming a GW Fellow is a Web click away

During the past several years, the Alabama Society has been the recipient of numerous grants from the GWEF for special projects relating to the Revolutionary War. The Alabama Society's most recent receipt of funds from the GWEF Distribution Committee was toward the current ongoing flag pole project with the American Village.

To become a George Washington Fellow, an individual simply has to commit to a \$1,000 donation to the endowment either as a one-time gift or it can be paid out in \$200 increments over five years.

Our newest process of becoming a GW Fellow is through the National SAR Website www.sar.org. Click on "GIVE" at the top right corner and then pay by credit card. One can now become a GW Fellow with this "website only" payment selection of \$100 monthly recurring credit card donations to reach the \$1,000.

Once this has been done, the fellow will never be asked to contribute again to the endowment. With the first payment, the person will receive a gold lapel pin with the bust of George Washington and a distinctive certificate.

Within the Alabama Society more than 115 members (both living and deceased) are GW fellows and this includes many wives of members who have also made a financial commitment. In March, GW Fellow Ron Bearden from the Little River chapter presented a GW Fellows pin and certificate to James F. Hayes.

At our recent ALSSAR convention, the following stepped forward and became GW Fellows: Allen Herrod from the Gen. John Archer Elmore chapter, Eric D. Alford from the Gen. John Archer Elmore chapter and Richard M. Johnson from the Black Warrior River chapter.

Thomas G. Walker, founder & CEO of the American Village and a charter member of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter, became a GW Fellow and received his pin and certificate at the recent Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, Ky.

The GWEF is overseen by a board of seven members – three appointed by the PG and four members elected by the GW fellows themselves at the Congress. The Alabama Society is well represented on this NSSAR Board with Bill Stone serving as the chairman of the Board and Bobby Joe Seales serving as chairman of the Fund Raising Committee. Other members of the ALSSAR GWEF committee are John R. Wallace and Millard Earl "Mac" Moon. Seales and the ALSSAR GWEF committee has requested that each ALSSAR chapter appoint a GWEF chairman and furnish him the chapter's chairman name, telephone number and their e-mail address to bjseales@bellsouth.net.

If you are interested in becoming a fellow click on the GWEF brochure link <https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/248/lgAaH6naCRjA.pdf> for more information and an application. Complete and print the application, return by mail with your check, payable to NSSAR GWEF, to Bobby Joe Seales, P.O. Box 89, Alabaster, AL 35007. Should you need further information please contact Bobby Joe Seales (bjseales@bellsouth.net) or Stone, Wallace or Moon.

Are you a GW Fellow?

—Bobby Joe Seales



—Photo by Diane Seales

Southern District VP General Colin Wakefield installs the new ALSSAR officers at the state convention.

Convention

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McKinley also emphasized that the Society needs to add more Color Guard members in order to showcase the society. He challenged each active Color Guard member to recruit one new member this year. His last goal was to call on all members to get involved and become a “team of volunteers” across the state.

The convention kicked off on Friday morning with a groundbreaking and consecration ceremony at the American Village for the flag pole project approved at the Fall BOM. President Anderson, National Secretary General Jack Manning, vice president McKinley, American Village Trust CEO Tom Walker and Bill Stone, chairman of the George Washington Endowment Fund, participated in a ceremonial ground breaking in Liberty Hall.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature kept everyone inside with almost five inches of rain.

The annual business meeting was called to order on Saturday morning by Anderson. Several national guests were present and introduced, including Southern District Vice President General Colin Wakefield, National Secretary



—Photo by Diane Seales

Southern District VP General Colin Wakefield was a special guest at the state convention in Hoover.

General Jack Manning, National Registrar General Bruce Pickette and National Surgeon General Dr. Daryl Addington, along with several past Southern District VPG’s.

City Councilman C. W. Posey of Hoover presented the Society with a letter from the mayor of Hoover, welcoming the Society to Hoover. Tennessee Valley president Randal Jennings welcomed everyone to the 130th annual meeting.

In addition to the election of the Alabama Society officers, a requirement exists that each state in the Southern District

must nominate a candidate for Vice President General for the coming year. This is held in a round-robin sequence. This year is Alabama’s turn to nominate a candidate and competitor Bobby Joe Seales of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter was nominated to be the Alabama candidate for Southern District Vice President General for 2019-20.

The election for VPG will be held at the National Congress in July.

This year the Society initiated the first annual youth awards luncheon patterned after the

National Society youth luncheon. All winners of the youth contests were invited to the luncheon and presented their awards. The luncheon was a resounding success with many compliments being given for this activity. It was a thrilling sight to see the faces of these youths light up when they were given their awards in front of an enthusiastic audience.

All winners will participate in the national level contests.

Winners in each category and their sponsoring chapters:

- Elementary Poster Contest – Caroline Buckley, Tennessee Valley
- Brochure Contest – Catherine McWhorter, Tennessee Valley
- Essay Contest – Ashley MacKenzie, Tennessee Valley
- Eagle Scout Award – Michael Sorrells, Tennessee Valley
- JROTC Award – Cadet Brianna Byrd, Black Warrior
- Orations Contest – Allie Stanley, Little River
- American History Teacher Award — (elementary) Jonathan Bragwell, Hartselle Intermediate, and (high school) Gordon (JR) Dilbeck, Priceville High, both sponsored by Tennessee Valley.

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Awards

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The Saturday evening banquet kicked off with the presentation of the colors by the Hoover High School USAF JROTC Color Guard under the direction of SMI Col. Chris Moulton.

Greetings were brought by Southern District Vice President General Colin Wakefield, DAR state regent Tammy Clemons, CAR president-elect William Cain and senior state CAR president Bob Thomas.

Just prior to dinner, Anderson performed the Fallen Heroes Table Ceremony. This is a solemn ceremony with a small table set in a place of honor. Every item on the table is symbolic. As the ceremony started in respect for all of our fallen heroes, not a sound was heard in the room. You could hear a pin drop and many an eye was damp.

National Secretary General Jack Manning was our guest speaker. His topic was "Gove's Rebellion." Nearly 100 years before the outbreak of the American Revolution, Edward Gove of Hampton, N.H., led what historians believe was the first armed resistance to British rule in the northern colonies. He was, Rev. Edgar Warren wrote in the introduction to the second edition of Dow's History of Hampton, "a high-spirited and impulsive man, who resolved not to lightly submit to what he considered an infringement of the people's ancient prerogatives."

The rebellion took place during a period when many American colonists were rebelling against their respective provincial governments, leading to revolutionary movements that included Bacon's Rebellion, Coode's Rebellion, Leisler's Rebellion, Culpeper's Rebellion and the Boston Revolt.

Secretary General Manning went on to tell the story of this rebellion, revealing at the end that Edward Gove was his eighth great grandfather.

The George Washington Fellows were recognized and two new fellows were pinned at the banquet. New GW Fellows are Eric Alford, Gen. John Archer Elmore chapter, and Richard Johnson, Black Warrior chapter.

The awards portion of the Banquet followed and the following awards were given:

- SAR Martha Washington Medal to Donna Wells and Linda Maples (oak Leaf Cluster).
- SAR Medal of Appreciation to Linda Doherty (Oak Leaf Cluster), Rita Pickette and Tammy Clemons.
- The Molly Pitcher Award to Patricia Kay Anderson, Kay is the third Alabama recipient of this award.
- SAR Daughters of Liberty to Patricia Kay Anderson for outstanding support as Alabama Society First Lady 2018-2019.
- SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal awarded to Anders Kinney II, Children of the American Revolution, state president, Alabama Society.
- The Silver Children of the American Revolution – Sons of the American Revolution Medal of Appreciation was awarded to Rosalind A. Hollomon.
- Silver Good Citizenship Medal was awarded to Dr. J. Fred Olive.
- Silver Color Guard Medal was awarded to William Robert Baccus.
- Silver Roger Sherman medals were awarded to Blake Stephenson, Robert D. England, John Van Zandt, Eric Alford, Manley Inge Tingle and James Griffith.
- The State Distinguished Service Medal was awarded by President Anderson to Vice President Edmon McKinley for his invaluable support to President Anderson during his term of office.



—Photo by Diane Seales

Hoover High Color Guard presented the colors to open the 2019 state convention in Hoover.

• The Patriot's Medal is the highest medal that can be given by a State Society. This year the medal was awarded to George Thomas Smith III for his outstanding service over many years as our state Color Guard commander and our state sergeant-at-arms.

After the awards were presented President Anderson presented Secretary General Jack Manning with two special awards. Secretary General Manning was presented with the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of notable service to the Alabama Society in keeping the history of the American Revolution alive through his daily history postings in behalf of our American Principles.

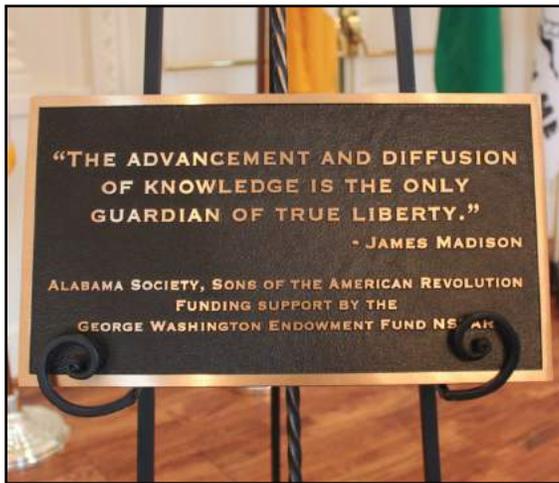
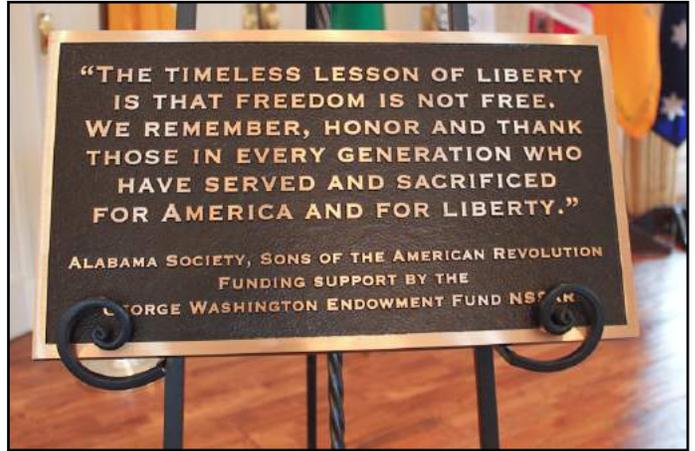
Secretary General Manning was also made an honorary member of the Alabama Society and presented with his certificate.

In Anderson's closing remarks, he called attention to what he called a year of highs and lows, the lows being the untimely passing of immediate past president Hal Thornton and past PG Steve Leischman and highs such as the ground breaking for the American Village flag pole project and continued growth of the Society.

The last bit of business for the year was the installation of the new officers for 2019-2020 by Southern District Vice President General Colin Wakefield:

- President Edmon McKinley, Gen. Galvez chapter
- Vice President David Jones, Black Warrior chapter
- Secretary Bill Daniel, Cahaba-Coosa chapter
- Recording Secretary Jim Griffith, Tennessee Valley chapter
- Treasurer John Van Zandt, Gen. Galvez chapter
- Registrar Ron Bearden, Little River chapter
- Chancellor William Kirkland, Richard Montgomery chapter
- Chaplain Rev. Jeff Coker, Cheaha chapter
- Genealogist Earl Gilliam, Gen. John Archer Elmore chapter
- Historian Robert D. England, Shoals chapter
- Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Smith, Richard Montgomery chapter
- National Trustee Robert Anderson, Tennessee Valley chapter
- National Alternate Trustee, Edmon McKinley

—Bob Anderson



—Photos by Diane Seales

American Village ‘groundbreaking’ ceremony

The three plaques (above and left) that will accompany the flag poles at the American Village were unveiled at a February groundbreaking ceremony, which was forced indoors by heavy rain. ALSSAR president Bob Anderson and American Village CEO Tom Walker, below, delivered remarks while the ALSSAR Color Guard stood with the plaques. The official dedication will take place on June 21 at American Village.

Ceremony

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Currently, the SAR has no monument or marker at the popular site other than the Patriot Doors at the Colonial Chapel, a building that is not generally included as part of the annual visits by the estimated 30,000 children that are part of school field trips to the location.

The project includes a 40-foot pole and two 35-foot poles for the Betsy Ross flag, the state flag and Gen. George Washington’s Commander-in-Chief flag along with a trio of informative memorial plaques. The project was funded by the ALSAR at a cost of a little more than \$12,000.

The dedication ceremony for the American Village flag pole project is scheduled to include NSSAR President General Warren Alter and his wife, Nancy, along with other dignitaries from the National Society, Alabama Society, Southern District and state and local politicians.

Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to join us for this moving ceremony. As the date gets closer, we will release further details about the ceremony and what you can expect.

—Bob Anderson



ALSSAR newsletter wins Niebell Award as nation's best

I am very pleased to announce that the SAR Alabama newsletter has been awarded the Paul M. Niebell Sr. Award.

This award is presented to the state-level society with more than 500 members judged having the best periodical or newsletter with 10 or fewer pages.

A cash award is presented during the annual Congress for first place and honorable mention from the proceeds of the endowment fund established by Mrs. Eleanor Smallwood Niebell. The fund was established in recognition of her husband Paul M. Niebell Sr.'s continuous support and many outstanding contributions to the SAR.

Our editor, Tim Gayle, deserves our upmost recognition,

thanks and congratulations for producing this award-winning newsletter. I might add that his patience, assistance and understanding is without measure. I would be remiss if I did not mention while under Tim's editorship the newsletter has won the award numerous times in the past. I suspect that we would win every year but, the rules prevent winning two years in a row.

A word of thanks also goes to compatriot Bruce Pickette, who facilitated getting Tim the information about submitting the entry this year. Too, thanks to those members and chapters who submitted articles, pictures, etc. to the newsletter.

Again, congratulations to Tim for an award-winning job!

—Edmon H. McKinley

Spring Trustees meeting discusses museum, new database

The NSSAR Spring Leadership Trustees meeting was held March 2 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Ky., where the SAR Education Center and Museum project and a new database for members were two of the chief topics.

Ad Hoc Committee chairman Bill Stone presented the status of the museum project by Solid Light, which is well into phase two of the project. One of the changes already made is to move the location of the SAR retail space to improve traffic flow.

Phase two, step two was approved at the fall meeting after it was announced that funds in excess of the \$550,000 had been raised. Step three will require \$780,000. All members are encouraged to consider a donation to the museum.

Donor outside of the organization are reluctant to donate when they discover less than 1 percent of the membership is donating to the project. Go to <https://www.sar.org/> and donate.

The Congress registration will not be online until May 15. Congress 2019 will be in Costa Mesa, Calif. (<http://www.californiasar.org/2019-Congress/>)

Any compatriots wishing to obtain hotel accommodations at this time should contact Paul Callanan at ltcmrsc@aol.com.

In another project approved at the fall trustees meeting, the new member database is making tremendous progress, according to IT subcommittee chairman J. Michael Tomme. They are transforming the current databases, which are three separate systems, into one unified system.

A second IT subcommittee recommended the development of a new WordPress web site for the SAR at a



—Photo by Diane Seales

One of the highlights of the meeting was American Village CEO Tom Walker receiving his George Washington Fellow Certificate and Pin from Bobby Joe Seales, GWEF fund raising committee chairman, GWEF chairman Bill Stone and President General Warren Alter.

cost of \$78,500-\$83,500. The trustees approved the project, which also will be coordinated by Tomme.

A change in committee meeting quorums was approved by the trustees, requiring two-thirds of those in attendance. The quorums will remain the same one-third of the total committee members for other meetings such as GoToMeeting or phone conference calls.

A motion was also passed to fund a new branding campaign that would involve the creation of new SAR logos. The completion of that campaign will be announced in SAR Magazine.

The members were also updated on the PCI membership directory and the updated member directory. The directory, being sold by PCI, is optional and members who don't want one should simply say no to the offers.

Although the directories are only for sale to members, if a member does not wish his information to be published, he may notify the company of his wishes.

This is at least the fourth such membership directory project SAR has done and, as of March 7, there have been 17,675 respondents and 3,100 members have purchased a directory.

Hartselle teacher wins NSSAR Teacher of the Year Award

By LAUREN JACKSON
Hartselle Enquirer

Before a crowd of excited students fresh from spring break, Jonathan Bragwell of Hartselle Intermediate School was announced as the 2019 National Sons of the American Revolution elementary history teacher of the year. Bragwell had won the state title earlier in the year and was announced as the national winner in a special surprise assembly this morning.

As part of his recognition, Bragwell will be able to attend national symposiums this summer and won \$500 towards classroom supplies next year.

Bob Anderson is the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution president and announced Bragwell as the national winner. He said that Bragwell is the first Alabama teacher to win the recognition. "He teaches outside the box, he doesn't just teach what's in the book. He brings in speakers, he brings in speakers to talk to his kids about the Revolutionary War and the colonial times leading up to the war. He has a great resume and his essay that he wrote is outstanding," Anderson said.

Bragwell has been teaching for over 20 years, and says one of the cornerstones of his lessons is discussion. "A lot of it comes from discussion, from some of the weird questions that they come up with," Bragwell said.

Discussions, special guests and the use of multimedia in the classroom are some of the ways that Bragwell says he tries to keep his class interesting. Hartselle Superintendent Dr. Dee Dee Jones said that one of Bragwell's most defining features as a teacher is making his lessons stand out with students.

"He tries to bring it to life for the students so they can remember it. He makes it fun and makes it interesting for the students. I would say the key thing is that he brings it to life. The kids love that and it makes a lasting memory and impression on them," Jones said.

Before being named the national elementary school history teacher of the year, Bragwell went through a rigorous application process that included recommendations and a 1,200 word essay on his philosophy of teaching history. According to An-

derson, judges look at the teacher's ability to teach beyond the textbook. "Well anybody can teach the book. The book has become not as vibrant as it could be. There is a lot of information left out because of time...There is a lot more to it. The kids only get a sprinkling of that in the book, and he makes sure they get the whole story," Anderson said.

According to Jones, the national recognition is something that Hartselle City Schools have always recognized in Bragwell. "It's exciting to have a teacher recognized nationally for the work that they do in the classroom and the work they do with students. Mr. Bragwell does an excellent job in the classroom. It just reaffirms that someone else besides us recognizes the fact that he is an excellent teacher. He loves kids, he loves what he does and he has a passion for what he does. You can see that in what he brings to his classroom every day," Jones said.

Bragwell says he first became interested in teaching when he was in college. "That is something I discovered in college. I started as a business major and was then encouraged to enter the teaching profession and then that led to elementary education," Bragwell said.

Although he did not realize his calling as a teacher until college, Bragwell said he has always been fascinated with history.

"It always interested me since I was a little kid. I didn't always do well in language and reading and math growing up, but history was always my top subject. It's something that has always fascinated me and interested me," Bragwell said.

In addition to announcing Bragwell as the national winner, Anderson says he has also seen him teach and been a guest in the classroom. Anderson said their participation is only one example of how Bragwell makes learning fun.

"I can only tell you that I have been coming into his classroom for six years. My wife and I come in and we spend a day with his classes talking about uniforms and weapons that were used during the war and we love it and the kids absolutely love it. When the kids can actually touch something and see it, it brings history to life for them," Anderson said.

—Photo by Diane Seales

A special thanks

If you attended the Alabama Society Convention in February, Larry and Susan Crabtree no doubt greeted you at the registration table. Larry and Susan have worked the registration table at several past state conventions starting in 2006. Always with a smile and a positive attitude, Larry and Susan get everyone registered with little fanfare or recognition. It is members like Larry and spouses like Susan who make us all proud to be a member of the Alabama Society and proud to have made so many SAR friends over the years. Congratulations Larry and Susan Crabtree for another job well done!





—Photo courtesy of John Van Zandt

Gen. Galvez chapter inducts new officers for 2019

The Gen. Galvez chapter held its annual installation of officers banquet at the Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley on Jan. 19 where ALSSAR president Bob Anderson and his wife Kay were guests. Anderson installed the new officers, from left: John Van Zandt, president; Steve McMillan, vice president; Bob Holliman, secretary; Jerry Green, treasurer; Edmon McKinley, chancellor; and Josh Goss, sergeant-at-arms.



—Photo courtesy of Jason Williams

Richard Henry Lee installs officers

The Richard Henry Lee chapter installed new officers for 2019 at the chapter's January meeting. The new officers are, from right to left: Bob Harris, president; Richard Guthrie, vice president; Walker Jackson, secretary; Danny Speigner, treasurer; Walter Dorsey, registrar; and David Lashley, genealogist. Not pictured are chaplain Alva Webb and sergeant-at-arms Bruce Heath.



—Photos courtesy of William Rozier

Cheaha inducts new compatriots

At the February meeting, Richard Allen Trotter (above left, with vice president Henry Smith) was inducted based on the patriotic service of his patriot ancestor, Sgt. James Trotter of Virginia. At the January meeting, L.G. “Chip” Owens is inducted on the patriotic service of John Calhoun of North Carolina. Above right, Owens, second from right, is pictured with Smith, president William Rozier, German Society members James Reichard and “Sky” King and ALSSAR chaplain Jeff Coker.



—Photo courtesy of Edmon McKinley



—Photo courtesy of Jason Williams

Richard Henry Lee welcomes professor

The Richard Henry Lee welcomed Dr. Adam Jortner, associate professor in Auburn’s history department, as their guest speaker at the January chapter meeting. Jortner, pictured with chapter vice president Richard Guthrie (left) and president Bob Harris (right) spoke on “New Historical Writing About the Revolution.”

Christmas for veterans

Gen. Galvez chapter compatriot Edmon McKinley, chairman of the chapter’s veterans committee, is shown delivering Christmas packages for 34 veterans at the William F. Green State Veterans Home in Bay Minette. The visit is a long-term commitment by the Gen. Galvez chapter and McKinley, who has served as the veterans’ chairman for the past five years.

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Appointment to West Point

Jonathan Gubert, a member of the Tennessee Valley chapter, is shown with chapter president Randal Jennings after receiving his appointment to attend West Point Military Academy in the fall. Gubert, the son of Clara and Tennessee Valley compatriot Michael Gubert, is a member of the National Honor Society, a varsity letter member of Sparkman High's cross country team and an Eagle Scout. He is the executive officer with rank of major for Sparkman's JROTC Army battalion and commander of the JROTC drill team. He received nominations to West Point from Representative Mo Brooks, Sen. Richard Shelby and Army JROTC.