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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Compatriots,
As we continue adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic we are forced to change the way we conduct business. Technology is becoming more prevalent and useful with what we are facing and for some of us, including myself, it is very challenging.

The first-ever Board of Managers meeting held via video conferencing is now in the record books. I believe that this meeting went very well considering some of us are still working out some of the bugs and becoming more familiar with the new virtual world. I have received positive feedback from several compatriots with the same sentiments. My hat is off to compatriot's Eric Alford and Bill Daniel for making this historic event happen.

Several chapters have already begun hosting their monthly meetings via Zoom and I have received nothing but positive comments from those chapters on their success. A salute goes out to the Birmingham, Gen. John Archer Elmore, Little River and Tennessee Valley chapters for jumping to the forefront of virtual meetings. If I missed a chapter in this salute who is using the virtual meeting venue, please accept my apologies. I would ask that when a chapter holds a virtual meeting to please send me and all chapter presidents a link so that we can participate.

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ALSSAR tries to move forward despite COVID-19 challenges

With the COVID-19 pandemic still at the forefront of preventing us from getting out into the communities, it is imperative that we become more creative in how we continue our mission.

The future of how our schools are going to operate this fall is still a huge question mark. We may not know until mid to late July how school operations will be conducted. I attended a virtual meeting with my school system this past week and nothing has been decided for the fall but for

teachers and coaches working this summer, no parents are allowed to enter the facilities.

I wish I could give you better guidance for interacting with schools, but at the moment I cannot. This goes back to everyone becoming familiar with using technology. You can visit your school's web page and find the contact email for history and government teachers.

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—Photo courtesy of David Jones

Poellnitz with, back row from left, David Jones, Ryan Montgomery and Bev Leigh III.

Compatriot honored for 60 years in ALSSAR

Dr. Robert Poellnitz reached a milestone few ALSSAR compatriots could ever realize when he was honored on Feb. 27 for his 60th year as a member of the Black Warrior River chapter. A certificate presentation by ALSSAR president David Jones, Black Warrior River chapter president

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Past ALSSAR president Jim Wardlaw passes away in April

Former ALSSAR president James Lee Wardlaw passed away in Mobile on April 13. He was 87.

Wardlaw served as the president of the Alabama Society in 2008-09. During his tenure, the Gen. John A. Elmore chapter was created in Prattville and the Sons of Liberty chapter in Vernon was created, becoming a chapter after Wardlaw completed his term.

Wardlaw was born on Sept. 28, 1932 in Alexander, Kansas, to Chester Francis and Edith Amanda Wardlaw.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, receiving the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal and United Nations Service Medal.

Wardlaw received an honorable discharge from the military on Dec. 8, 1954 and attended Wichita Technical College, where he studied architectural engineering. This was the starting point for a 35-year career in engineering.

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This is how we continue to move forward as a society in the Sons of the American Revolution. We must communicate not only with our chapter members but with other chapters as well. With social distancing becoming the new norm, communicating via technology is going to be a must for everyone to remain up to date on all events. So, I urge every member of the Alabama Society to become familiar with modern technology so that we can become stronger as a society than ever before.

The top priority for the spring BOM was to nominate and select delegates for the National Congress. The Alabama Society was authorized 25 delegates for Congress. We elected 17 delegates for the July Congress. Unfortunately, the National Congress for 2020 has been canceled due to the social distancing and other guidelines by the governor of Virginia. All national officers will stay in place for one more term as directed in the national by-laws.

The youth programs are still moving forward with some modifications at National. Wilson Reeves (Richard Henry Lee) placed first in the essay contest and also placed in the top ten Eagle Scouts. Cadet Alexa DeCaro (Black Warrior River) placed sixth at National. Our poster, brochure and oration contestants — Brady Stiles, Avery Early and Caleb Knapp, respectively, all from the Tennessee Valley chapter — have yet to be judged by the national committees and are still in the hunt.

Compatriot Barker is still working on an alternative location for Color Guard and musket training to take place.

Violence across America: I hope everyone is keeping up with what is taking place across this great land. There are citizens who are trying to destroy everything our patriot ancestors established. So, it is even more important for the Sons of the American Revolution to take heed to the mission of this great organization. Not only do we need to get into our schools but we need to get into our communities and reinforce what our founding fathers established.

Recently I reached out to Mayor Woodfin of Birmingham after the despicable actions taken in Linn Park by a group of thugs. In my request to speak with the mayor of concerns for a DAR monument in the park, I informed him as to what our organization is and what it is not. I stressed very clearly and sternly that the SAR is NOT a “confederate” organization.

My intent to the members of the Alabama Society is not to offend anyone but I am sure that I will. I fully understand that we have numerous members who are affiliated with SCV and MOS&B. I have no issue with those memberships. I volunteered to serve in the United States Army. The same Army that George Washington commanded when this country was established and the same Army that fought to preserve the Union that our founding fathers created, the United States Army.

As you plan your programs for the coming year, please focus your programs on the American Revolution. Some chapters are encouraging compatriots to give a presentation on their patriot which is a great source of programs. What should never happen are programs about the American Civil War. Other civic organizations should also be excluded unless of course your chapter is planning a joint project. We are the Sons of the American Revolution and our mission and goals are clearly stated as follows:

The purpose of the corporation are patriotic, historical, and educational, and include those intended or designed to (1) to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; (2) to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; (3) to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the prin-

Beware of scam asking for financial help for veterans

There has been a long running scam going on throughout the ALSSAR that has even latched on with NSSAR.

Compatriots, if you ever receive an email from an ALSSAR officer requesting your assistance by purchasing gift cards for helping veterans and other persons in need, delete the email immediately.

No one in the NSSAR or ALSSAR will ever make such a request from our members.

The common scam usually comes from the society president. However, there is usually one letter or number in the email that is different from the actual email of the person named as the sender.

Remember, if a SAR member asks you for money, call them.

—David Jones

principles of the government founded by our forefathers; (4) to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; (5) to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks; (6) to mark the scenes of the American Revolution by appropriate memorials; (7) to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period; (8) to foster true patriotism; (9) to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and (10) to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble to the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

Here is a short list of speakers and topics:

- Donald Relyea, “Museum of George Washington,” Cahaba Coosa.
- Gregory K. Laughlin, “2nd American Revolution: 1783-1789,” Cahaba Coosa.
- Kerry Barksdale, “Long Arms of the Revolution,” Cahaba Coosa.
- Dr. Bill Dean, “France and Spain in the American Revolution in the Caribbean,” Cahaba Coosa.
- Bruce Kilgore, “The Failed State of Franklin,” Cahaba Coosa.
- Robert C. Jones, “Inspiring the Revolution: Henry and Paine,” Tennessee Valley.
- Donald L. Robertson, “The Forgotten,” Cahaba Coosa.
- Mike Bunn, “The Colonial History of Blakely,” Galvez.
- Dr. Robert Davis, “Revolutionary Sources in Alabama,” Gen. John Archer Elmore.
- Bob Anderson, “Battle of Blackstock’s Plantation,” Tennessee Valley.
- Tom Walker, “American Village and the Crisis in Teaching History,” Tennessee Valley.
- Dr. Bill Dean, “Charles Carroll: 1st Catholic Politician,” Gen. John Archer Elmore.
- Clovis Davis, “Cpt. Dan McDuff of the S.C. Continental Army,” Tennessee Valley.

Search each chapter web page and look at their Speaker’s Bureau for more options. The Black Warrior River chapter has a bureau at www.facebook.com/bwrcsar.

You can also contact compatriot Bob England who has a treasure chest full of topics.

Plan accordingly my fellow compatriots. The principles of our nation are at stake.

—David M. Jones

George Washington Endowment Fund provides funding for important but overlooked projects

By Bobby Joe Seales
Fund Raising GWEF Chairman

In 1993 the National Trustees approved the establishment of the George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF) with a charter to provide financial support to unfunded and underfunded national committees and special projects with the earnings of the endowment fund being distributed to appropriate state and national committees and projects.

One hundred percent of your tax-deductible donation goes into a permanent restricted fund. Eighty percent of the income, defined as dividends and interest, is made available annually to help with these projects.

Over the years the GWEF has provided thousands of dollars to the SAR while providing funding for projects that often go unnoticed.

The GWEF's fiscal year is April 1 thru March 31. Beginning with the Fiscal Year 2019-2020, the yearly 80 percent allotment of the dividends and interest earned for each of the next five years, will be divided equally into three parts, one-third for the Howard F. Horn Award Endowment, one-third for the Walter Buchanan "Buck" Meek Award Endowment and one-third for the GWEF Distribution Endowment.

The Howard F. Horne Award is given annually to the state society with the largest numerical increase in new GW Fellows as a percentage of their membership.

The Walter Buchanan "Buck" Meek Award is given annually to the state society with the largest numerical increase in new GW Fellows.

These two award amounts should increase greatly over the next five years.

The GWEF Fund Raising Committee is charged with conducting fund-raising activities to help raise money for the GWEF and in the recruitment of new George Washington Fellows.

Become a George Washington Fellow and join the other National SAR GW Fellows. Becoming a GW Fellow is easy and not limited to SAR members — spouses, children, grandchildren and others are all eligible.

There are several ways to contribute and become a GW Fellow:



- (1) Make a one-time gift of \$1,000 or more.
- (2) By making a gift of \$1,000 or more, with an initial payment of \$200 or more, and a pledge to pay the remaining balance in equal annual payments over the next five years.
- (3) By making an initial gift of \$100, followed by equal monthly payments until the total amount of pledge has been reached. This \$100 monthly payment can only be made online by credit card to national SAR headquarters.

Each person recognized as a GW Fellow shall receive a distinctive lapel pin and a certificate denoting their status. The name of each GW Fellow will be displayed in the Center for Advancing America's Heritage building. All gifts are important and all contributions and gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

When you donate you are truly leaving "a patriotic legacy for life." Your donation is never spent, only the interest and dividends that it earns are used.

The GWEF fiscal year (April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020) closed with a grand total of \$107,500 in contributions and/or pledges from 27 state societies: AL=17, AZ=5, CA=30, DC=1, DE=4,

FL=1, GA=6, HI=1, IL=4, KS=4, KY=5, LA=1, MI=1, MO=3, MN=1, NC=1, NH=1, NJ=1, NM=2, OH=2, OK=4, PA=1, TN=1, TX=1, UT=1, VA=4, VT=2. Additional contributions received were a \$500 contribution from the Central District, \$1,000 contribution from the Southern District designated to the Walter Buchanan "Buck" Meek Endowment and \$1,000 contribution from the National Ladies Auxiliary.

In comparison from the previous two GWEF fiscal years:

(1) 2017-2018 new NSSAR GW Fellows grand total in contributions and/or pledges was \$84,000 from 23 State Societies.

(2) 2018-2019 new NSSAR GW Fellows grand total in contributions and/or pledges was \$80,000 from 18 State Societies.

During this time, we have had the three largest consecutive yearly increases in the number of new GW Fellows in the history of the GWEF; producing in donations and/or pledges of over one-quarter of a million dollars.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in what we are trying to accomplish as we build and leave a "SAR Patriotic Legacy for Life."

CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK TO MAKE A GWEF ONLINE CREDIT CARD PAYMENT TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

[Be sure to complete all the steps and wait for a final confirmation number before closing the website payment – or it won't go through as a payment at all.]

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E343554&id=19>

CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK FOR THE GWEF BROCHURE

[Complete the GWEF Application and mail or e-mail immediately as noted]

<https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/GWEF-Brochure-2020.pdf>

If you have any questions concerning the George Washington Endowment Fund process, please contact Bobby Joe Seales at bjseales@bellsouth.net or (205) 902-6383.

In Memory...

Edwin Mac Smith Edward Leroy McGaughey Millard E. 'Mac' Moon

The ALSSAR lost a trio of prominent compatriots over the last four months. In addition to losing former ALSSAR president Jim Wardlaw (*see page 1*), the Cheaha, Gen. Galvez and Tennessee Valley chapters lost valued compatriots Mac Smith, Leroy McGaughey and Mac Moon.

Smith, a charter member of the Cheaha chapter, lost his battle with leukemia on May 16.

McGaughey, a past chapter president of the Gen. Galvez chapter and an officer for many years, passed away at the age of 85 at home with his wife Suzanne and family by his side on May 14.

Moon, a member of the Tennessee chapter and a member of at least four ALSSAR committees, passed away at the age of 73 on Feb. 9.

EDWIN "MAC" SMITH was born on April 7, 1936 in the Cleburne County town of Abernathy. He was a graduate of Ranburne High, Southern Union State Community College and the University of West Georgia.



Smith served 21 years in the U.S. Army and Alabama National Guard and spent his life in service to his country and his community.

He served as probate judge of Cleburne County and taught science at Cleburne County High. He was a board member of the Alabama Horse Council. He was a member and past deacon of Ranburne First Baptist Church as well as a member of the Heflin Masonic Lodge.

A lifelong farmer, he raised and showed Lipizzan horses at Springstone Farm.

A charter member of the Cheaha chapter, he served as its second president from February 2002 until May, 2005. Always willing to serve in the chapter, he was later selected as the sergeant-at-arms and as the chapter's DAR coordinator, chairing both the membership and veteran's affairs committees.

In addition to the SAR, Smith was a member of the Jamestown Society, Magna

Charta Dames & Barons, Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, War of 1812 and Sons & Daughters of the Pilgrims.

Smith is survived by his wife Annette Edgeworth Smith; daughters Alicia Hendrix (Ron) and Melody Walker (Scott); grandchildren Austin Brooks (Hope), Andrew Brooks and Gabby Hendrix; and great grandson Max Brooks.

A memorial service was held on May 19 at Ranburne First Baptist Church. Grave-side services followed at Macedonia cemetery.

EDWARD LEROY MCGAUGHEY was born Oct. 25, 1934 in Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated from Camden (Ark.) High School and earned a degree in chemical engineering from Georgia Tech, where he was a member of the "Ramblin' Wreck" band.



He worked as a chemical engineer for International Paper Company for more than 42 years serving in various management roles in plants all across the United States. He also served in the Army Reserves for eight years, attaining the rank of captain before resigning his commission.

He loved history and his family's genealogy, helping to trace the McGaughey family tree back to the original Irish migrants that had come to America. He organized family reunions and tours of the homesteads where his ancestors resided.

He was a proud member of the Sons of the American Revolution having served in numerous roles that included chapter president, chaplain, secretary and treasurer. He volunteered for many civic and community organizations including the Richards DAR House, Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center, Sojourner's, and AGAPE of South Alabama.

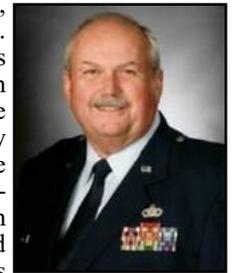
McGaughey met his wife, Suzanne Duvall, in Atlanta in 1956 while attending Sunday School. Together they served, worked, traveled, raised two sons, ministered and loved each other for more than 62 years. McGaughey served as an elder

and deacon in the Church of Christ for many years.

McGaughey is survived by his wife Suzanne, his son David and wife Lindi, grandchildren Amy (Ben), Alex (Jessica), Amanda (Dulith), Aaron (Katy), Caleb (Maggie), Ethan (Morgan) and Seth; great-grandchildren Ainsley, Noah, Balin, Finley, Abigail, Eleanor, Moriah, and Grace; along with nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews.

Services were held May 17 at Regency Church of Christ, with burial to follow at Pine Crest cemetery.

COL. (RET.) MILLARD E. MOON was born on Nov. 17, 1946 in Albertville. He lived most of his formidable years in Birmingham where he attended Ensley High School, then the University of Alabama, Birmingham where he earned dual bachelor degrees in history and political science.



He then went on to earn master degrees from UAB, an M.A. in education (counseling) and then an M.S. in criminal justice. After moving to Huntsville, he continued his education and received a Doctor Education, Ed.D (concentration in criminal justice) from the University of Alabama.

He served over 30 years in law enforcement, first as a deputy sheriff, then with the juvenile probation office, state parole office and more than 26 years with the United States probation office in Huntsville.

He began his military career in 1969 as an enlisted man in the 167th Infantry (Mech) Regiment of the Alabama National Guard. In 1976, he transferred to the Air Force Reserves and was assigned to the Office of Special Investigations. He received a direct commission in 1977 where he served a variety of assignments with the AFOSI.

Following his retirement in 1998 as a probation office supervisor, Moon became

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Challenges

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Make contact with those teachers and offer this suggestion to interact with students. This is similar to zoom, schools use a program with google, the teacher can send you the log in link and you can interact live with students or you can record yourself giving a presentation and send that to the teacher.

You will definitely have to jump through hoops this year before you will be allowed on campus. Some school districts will continue to offer virtual

classes. If this is the case, start familiarizing yourself with this type of technology and begin reaching out to the teachers in your area.

After speaking with Tom Walker, it is very possible that the American Village may open in mid July. This is not written in stone but a hopeful target date.

More information will be released to chapter presidents as it comes in so please stay connected with each other via telephone, email and by virtual means.

—David Jones

Poellnitz

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Ryan Montgomery and Black Warrior chapter member Bev Leigh III was held to mark the occasion.

The ceremony was held jointly with the Exchange Club of Tuscaloosa, who was honoring Poellnitz for 65 years of membership in that organization.

Joining compatriot Poellnitz to mark the occasion were his sons Robert and Farley.

Compatriot Poellnitz is a native of Tuscaloosa whose family has long and

deep ties to West Alabama, so joining the SAR came instinctually for him in 1960; however, legacies like the one Dr. Poellnitz has built are not attained by instinct but by constant dedication and loyalty through decades of both good and bad times, both for our nation and our organization.

Compatriot Poellnitz is an inspiration and example to all SAR members who interpret their commitment of service to our organization as not just a duty, but a calling.

—Ryan Montgomery

Moon

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more involved in his military life and served in several special assignments to include a period of Chief of Staff at HQ AFOSI and several PSO (Protective Service Officer) which consisted of a number of assignments to include training assignments for such activities as EAGLE FLAG and any additional duties required by his regular AFOSI assignment.

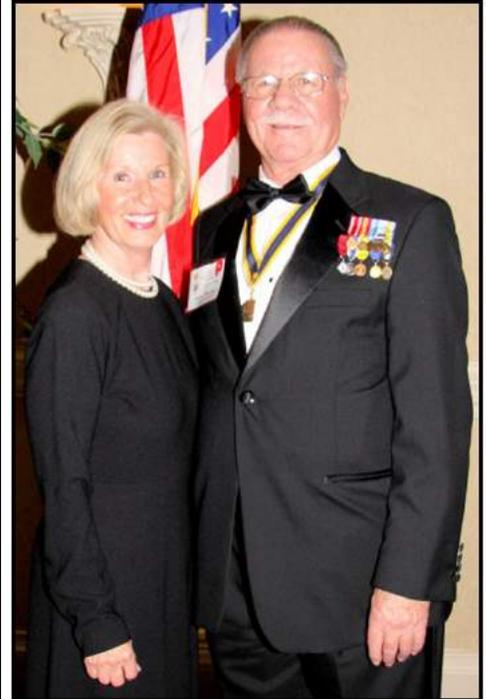
Colonel Moon's major awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal second oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal, second oak leaf cluster and the Air Force Achievement Medal first oak leaf cluster. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Colonel Moon de-

ployed in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH and served an extended period including a full two-year mobilization with Headquarters Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland.

After serving his country for over 37 years, he retired on Nov. 17, 2006.

Moon is survived by his son, Marcus Earl Moon of Huntsville and his brother and sister-in-law, Stephen L. and Sandy Moon of Birmingham.

At the time of his death, Moon was serving as chairman of the American Flag Committee, as chairman of the Public Service and Heroism Committee, as co-chairman of the ALSSAR Endowment Fund and as vice president of the state's George Washington Endowment Fund.



Wardlaw and his wife Gisela at the 2008 state convention after his selection as ALSSAR president.

Wardlaw

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He began work for the US Army Corps of Engineers in November, 1959 and retired on June 2, 1993. He then worked for FEMA for 2 years.

His career allowed him to travel the world. He lived, worked or traveled to 37 different countries.

In addition to the Sons of the American Revolution, he was affiliated with the Springhill Lodge Masonic Lodge No. 896 and was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Wardlaw met his wife, Gisela, in Mobile and married her in 1976. The pair were married for 45 years before Gisela passed away on March 19, 2019.

He is survived by his twin sister, Phyllis Neidigh; brother, David D. Wardlaw; son David Duncan; daughters Marti Greeley and Emily Toth; grandsons Jeffrey Waldron and Casey Toth; granddaughter Hannah Barton; three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A private burial was held in the Alabama State Veterans Cemetery in Spanish Fort.

Memorial services were scheduled for a later date.

Tennessee Valley leads charge in conversion to virtual meetings

In response to the public health crisis, the Tennessee Valley chapter has conducted several chapter activities online using Zoom Pro. As of mid-May, chapter president Ray Livingston has held two meetings of the chapter's board of officers and two regular monthly meetings using this approach to maintain energy in the chapter.

He plans to continue using this approach until it is safe for the group to return to its regular meeting location, the auditorium of the Huntsville Main Public Library.

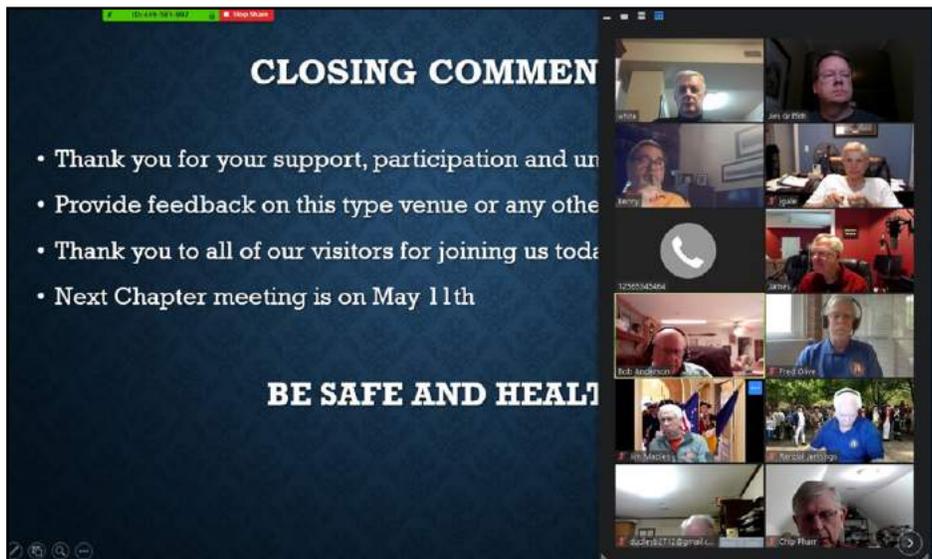
President Livingston began this venture with a meeting of the chapter's officers. He wanted to assess the feasibility of this technology with SAR members.

At the subsequent April monthly chapter meeting, there were 44 compatriots linked to the session. Although there were differences between the in-person sessions and the Zoom sessions, this relatively easy-to-use and low-cost software permitted the chapter to continue with many of its routine activities.

To facilitate attendance at these virtual sessions, the chapter's corresponding secretary, Jim Maples, sent an email to chapter membership several days prior to the meeting. This email contained a direct link to the Zoom site. With one click most members joined the session approximately 10 minutes before its start time.

The Zoom sessions for the chapter were formatted to resemble the in-person sessions as much as possible. All of the regular business was conducted, including pledges, prayers, inductions, officer reports, committee reports and a program.

Materials were presented on screen using Power Point slides. Individual members could speak to the group and participate in discussions in largely the same



—Photo courtesy of Jess Brown

Compatriots click on the link to a Zoom Pro meeting, then participate in a virtual meeting that includes featured speakers and presentations.

manner as with in-person meetings. After only two sessions, members seemed to have learned quickly the necessary etiquette for effective on-line meetings.

All Zoom Pro meetings are recorded and archived for future reference. Online presentations have permitted easier attendance at chapter meetings by those from other chapters and from other states.

Among those in virtual attendance were former President Generals of the National Society. However, a few activities, especially certain elements relating to inductions of new members, were being delayed until regular in-person sessions.

Chapter leadership has now recognized

the enormous potential of this meeting format and its usefulness during this public health crisis and perhaps after the crisis.

Nevertheless, President Livingston and others in the chapter prefer a return to the irreplaceable camaraderie and fellowship of the in-person meetings.

Chapter officers have sought feedback from members about this innovation in an effort to assess its short-term and long-term utility for the organization. They have also indicated a willingness to share their experiences with other ALSSAR chapters about the pluses and minuses of this Zooming initiative.

—Jess Brown



—Photo courtesy of Jess Brown

Tennessee Valley spreads SAR message
Former ALSSAR president and Tennessee Valley chapter corresponding secretary Jim Maples was a guest on a segment preceding Presidents' Day on the weekend news broadcast on WAFF, the NBC affiliate in Huntsville. Maples explained the SAR's mission, his uniform associated with Washington's staff and the antique French/Charleville musket. Pictured with Maples are weekend anchors Payton Walker and Eric Graves.

Cahaba-Coosa compatriot Nicholas Daniel joins front-line battle to wipe out coronavirus

The membership of the ALSSAR reaches near and far. One of our members, recently deployed to New York City to combat COVID-19, has had a first-hand experience with the challenges of fighting this invisible enemy.

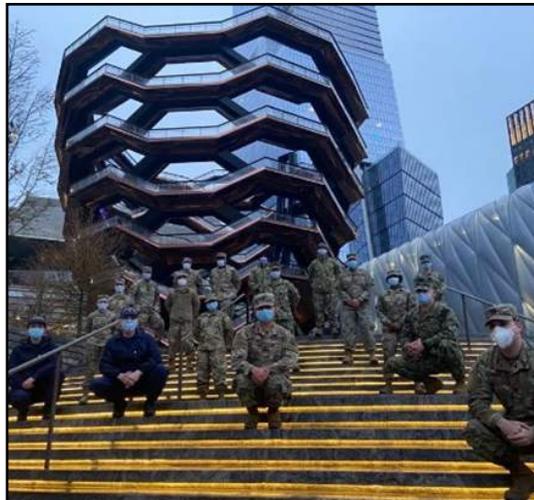
The Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) is one of the eight uniformed services of the United States, the others being Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps, and the Space Force.

More than 1,800 of the 6,200 USPHS uniformed officers have been deployed to fight this virus. One of those officers, LCDR Nicholas Daniel, a pharmacist by training, is also a member of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter. When not deployed to combat public health emergencies, LCDR Daniel is stationed with the Food and Drug Administration in Silver Spring, MD.

Late in March, with less than 24-hour notice, Daniel deployed to help establish and man a temporary medical shelter in New York City.

Set up within the Javits Convention Center in Manhattan, the shelter was to care for low-acuity, COVID-negative patients with a goal of decompressing the area hospitals, which were operating above capacity.

Within a few days of opening, at the request of Gov. Andrew Cuomo, and upon approval by President Trump, the mission of the Javits New York Medical



—Photos by Maj. Patrick Cordova

At left, LCDR Nicholas Daniel, a member of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter; at right, the troops leading the charge to combat the virus.

Station (JNYMS) changed and the facility began treating COVID-positive pa-

bed intensive care unit.

Over the course of April, JNYMS treated more than 1,000 patients. The pharmacy, initially an empty conference room, dispensed over 8,500 prescriptions during this time. Due to the rapid collaboration of local, state and federal officials, the Javits Center Medical Station was established before the local health system reached its breaking point, and healthcare providers and facilities were able to get much-needed relief.

LCDR Daniel, thank you and all our healthcare workers who are on the front line battling this virus.

—Bill Daniel



tients.

Additionally, the Army brought in a mobile field hospital to establish a 48-



—Photos by Maj. Patrick Cordova

The Javits Convention Center in Manhattan, left, was partitioned into patient rooms with the ability to scale to more than 3,000 beds, center. At right, military honors are accorded to a deceased veteran.

SAR Museum focal point of Gen. Elmore virtual meeting

The Gen. John Archer Elmore chapter held its inaugural "virtual" meeting via Zoom on May 12, calling the meeting to order and introducing the guest speaker before handling its normal chapter business.

The guest speaker was NSSAR Historian General Bill Stone, a compatriot in the Gen. John A. Elmore chapter who made a Power Point presentation on the National Society's museum collection. The National Society selects artifacts that are for sale and presents them to compatriots for purchase and donation to the SAR Museum collection.

"We basically ask our membership if they would like to purchase any of these objects," Stone explained, "and we provide them with photographs, information and documentation. They purchase them and then donate them to the National Society. The donor's name stays with the artifact any time it's displayed, whether it's in the educational center or the museum."

Stone went over the process that artifacts go through once they arrive at NSSAR headquarters. They are given an accession number for tracking, catalogued and housed in a climate-controlled storage area at headquarters.

"A lot of these artifacts, you'll see the donors are from Alabama," Stone said. "Alabama really got behind this."

Stone's power point presentation included several of the museum's pieces, including a camp stove, a compass, a pair of dice still displaying the British stamp tax, a leather shot pouch, canteens, powder horns, tomahawks and axes, muskets and even a replica cannon.

"A lot of these pieces are coming out of private collections, large collections that have been maintained very well," Stone said. "We're getting in some unbelievable pieces (that are located in) some of these collections that are 200 years old. We're able to find some things that you generally just don't see. It's a great educational tool."

Stone said the museum's collection of canteens is "one of the finest collections of American Revolutionary War canteens that exists. Our collection is absolutely outstanding. Some of them have the original paint on them. Our canteen collection, other than the Smithsonian, is probably the most complete and finest that exists."

The collection of these artifacts started less than a year ago.

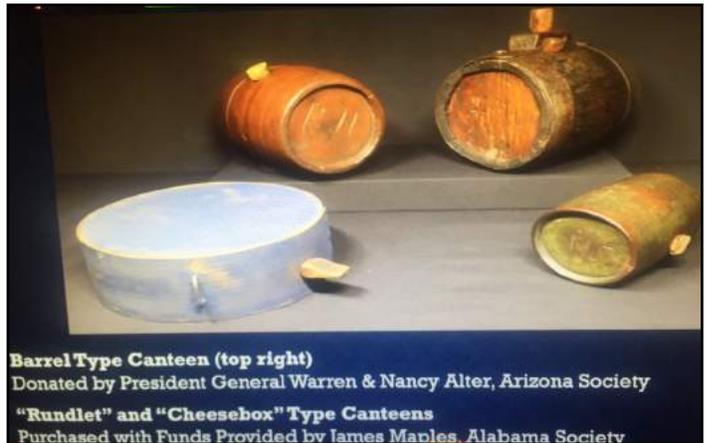
"I think that gives you an idea of some of the things that we're doing in bringing about an unbelievable collection of 18th century artifacts and artifacts of the American Revolution," Stone said as he concluded his presentation. "If you decide that you want to be a donor, we'd love to have you as a donor."

"The idea on the artifacts is that we'll have, as a minimum, at least 500 pieces. We'd like to have 1,000 pieces, we'd like to have 500 on display at a given time and then be able to change them out. But right now, we're looking at 500 with 250 on display and 250 off the floor."

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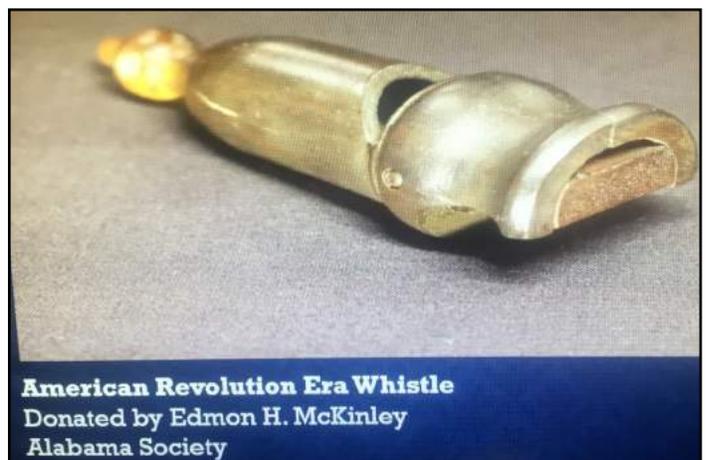
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Fleming's book details Washington's strategy in the war and during the early days of the new republic

Thomas Fleming. *The Strategy of Victory: How General Washington Won the American Revolution*. Published by Da Capo Press of the Hatchett Book Group: New York, 2017.

In Fleming's account, the Revolutionary War depended on George Washington from the time he accepted command of the Continental effort until the end of his presidency. Disaster lurked at every step: Washington rose to the occasion and steered the thirteen colonies in rebellion to victory by adopting a cautious strategy of keeping the army in the field until either the enemy got tired and went home, or foreign intervention arrived.

In expanding the war aims of the former British colonies, Fleming maintains the United States acquired security only by establishing a standing peacetime army of regular soldiers by the end of Washington's second term as president.

A collection of barely trained volunteers inflicted heavy casualties on the British at the Battle of Bunker Hill. Throughout the war, members of congress and many officers fantasized a great victory by inducing the British to assault a fortified position.

Washington initially subscribed to this view, but by the middle of the conflict realized only a trained, regular main force, which could maneuver and meet the Redcoats face-to-face, possessed a chance for victory.

The general learned from defeat and based his mature strategy on preserving the army and constantly threatening the British. Washington possessed little trust in militias. He preferred to use the amateurs in limited ways. They proved useful in keeping the Redcoats off balance and in fighting loyalist units.

After the victory at Saratoga in the fall of 1777, American diplomats secured an alliance with France. Because the kings of France and Spain were cousins, Spain entered the war.

Eventually, most of Washington's senior officers learned their trade and bought into his radical vision of successful war.

Two foreign born officers contributed to eventual victory. The Marquis de

Lafayette proved to be an excellent agent for Washington and returned to his home, France, to raise money for the war. The redoubtable German drill master, Friedrich von Steuben, joined the army at Valley Forge. In a matter of weeks, he taught the army a system of drill he invented.

Washington's main force faced the British bayonet to bayonet. He knew as blood and treasure drained the British war effort, his main tasks centered on keeping the army together and encouraging the Continental Congress, though a Franco-American force suffered a defeat at Savannah and the British captured Charleston in May, 1780.

A major disaster occurred for the rebels when Horatio Gates' army collapsed at Camden in August of 1780. Nathanael Greene, Washington's most trusted colleague, assumed command in the south with competent subordinates including Daniel Morgan and Andrew Pickens.

Greene's successful efforts forced one British army to occupy Charleston while in the main force, in obedience to orders, fortified the post of Yorktown on the Virginia coast. A French fleet defeated a British naval force which made Yorktown's surrender inevitable.

The prospect of an end to the war brought new difficulties for the commander-in-chief. The army had not been paid. Congress balked at granting the officers pensions as promised.

Financing for the war had been sketchy at best, even though the brilliant Robert Morris coordinated the young country's finances. At times, he guaranteed loans with his own money. The Newburgh Conspiracy, stimulated by some officers stimulated by men loyal to Horatio Gates, threatened soldiers and civilians alike.

Washington, with his usual calm approach to crises, ended the threat to peace despite mutinous feelings in several Continental units. Congress refused to discuss a peacetime standing army even after the British refused to abandon positions along the border with Canada. The Redcoats agitated and supplied natives on the northwestern frontier. Though the Treaty of Paris ended the war in 1783, Washington's

problems continued.

The old general expected to retire, but instead played an active role in affairs of state through the Confederation period. He presided over the Constitutional Convention and served as the first president of the third government. His dream of a professional peacetime army because a reality in the shadow of a disaster: St. Clair's Defeat.

A force from Miami villages won a battle in the northwest against a cobbled together army commanded by Major General Arthur St. Clair. Despite civilian and congressional hostility against a regular military, Secretary of War Henry Knox outflanked the anti-military voices by calling the new formation the Legion of the United States.

Washington and Knox chose Major General Anthony Wayne of Pennsylvania to command the Legion. Wayne drilled and disciplined his command and methodically moved to the front. The Legion routed the Miami coalition at the Battle of Fallen Timbers.

As Wayne advanced Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton hit upon a scheme to pay for the northwestern campaign: a tax on whiskey. Enraged farmers in western Pennsylvania threatened armed resistance and Washington led militias into the state. Resistance collapsed.

Europe tottered into the Wars of the French Revolution and of Napoleon. Even politicians formerly hostile to a peacetime standing army realized a professional main force was necessary to ensure national security. Fleming concluded that anti-military attitudes first appeared as Americans questioned the necessity of keeping an army sustained in the closing days of the Revolutionary War.

Fleming left a major hole in his tale of the path to a peacetime army. He ignored the great compromise between the advocates for an expensive standing army and the opposition: the late 18th and early 19th systems of fortifications.

Even so, this commendable book deserves a place on the shelf of anyone interested in the Revolutionary War and the origins of America's quest for national security.

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Wiregrass chapter supports local heroes with 'Fun Bags'

Despite not having met for several months, the members of the Wiregrass chapter have not lost the desire to be involved in supporting activities within the city of Enterprise.

To honor those first line responders and employees who had to keep working during the recent COVID-19 shutdown, the chapter, along with several civic and commercial groups, donated money toward a local project named "Front Line Fun Bags" for these local heroes.

Chapter members were also involved in the packing and delivering of these fun bags which contained donut holes, popcorn, pretzel sticks dipped in chocolate with sprinkles and various candies.

More than 1,000 bags were distributed to workers at the Enterprise Police and Fire Departments, the Enterprise Rescue Squad, the Medical Center and pharmacies and grocery store employees within the city.

Similar bags are planned for delivery to local nursing homes once they become fully open. The event garnered state and national attention and received area television and radio coverage.



—Photo courtesy of John Wallace

Wiregrass chapter president Travis Parker, left, and former president Perry Vickers, right, deliver Fun Bags to workers at a local grocery store.