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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is my distinct privilege and honor to become your new society president. I thank all of you for this opportunity and for your support. I am proud to be a member of this organization that promotes historical, patriotic and educational objectives.

It will be a challenge to follow the many distinguished compatriots who have held this office and set the standard. Congratulations to the slate of state officers chosen by you. I look forward to serving and working with them and all members of the Alabama Society.

During my tenure, one of my goals will be to visit every chapter; however, being from Lower Alabama, specifically Mobile, I realize that will be a challenge; all chapters are north. I will do everything possible to be responsive to the chapters and individual members.

Again, it is my pleasure to serve you and with the assistance of the other state officers, we will have a successful year.

All Alabama Society members should be involved with the SAR at the chapter level or state level. I encourage each of you to attend your chapter meetings, attend state meetings and go to a national convention.

We need to work together at each level to promote memberships.

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## Wardlaw installed as president at 2008 ALSSAR convention

The Tennessee Valley chapter hosted the 2008 ALSSAR state convention on Feb. 29-March 1 at the Holiday Inn Select in Huntsville.

Jim Wardlaw of the General Galvez chapter in Mobile was installed as state president at the Saturday night banquet. The following members were also elected, in the business meeting, to serve as state officers for the 2008-2009 year: John Killian, senior vice president; Bruce Pickette, secretary; C.W. Posey, treasurer; Ron Bearden, registrar; Ed Blount Jr., chancellor; Rev. Walter Reeder, chaplain; Mark Alexander, genealogist; Bobby Joe

Seales, historian; Bob Melton, sergeant-at-arms; and Jim Alexander, national trustee.

On Friday evening, a reception was held for the members, their wives and special guests.

Notable guests included past President General Nathan White and his wife Wanda; Vice-President General Southern District John Wallace and his wife Mary Ann; Secretary General David Appleby; Historian General David Sympton; Genealogist General Charles Bragg and his wife Karen; National Medals and Awards Committee Chairman



—Photo by Jim Maples

ALSSAR president Jim Wardlaw and wife Gisela.

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## ALSSAR charts Prattville chapter



—Photo by Bruce Pickette

Members of the Gen. John A. Elmore chapter at a January meeting in Prattville after voting to form their own chapter.

On March 1, the ALSSAR Board of Managers unanimously approved a charter request for the formation of the General John Archer Elmore chapter in Prattville.

The chapter was formally instituted on March 29 at the Prattville Holiday Inn in a ceremony attended by 67 compatriots and family members. They witnessed the institution of the first new chapter in

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## Treasurer's report for 2007

<b>Beginning Balance as of Jan. 1, 2007 .....</b>	<b>\$11,796.68</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Board of Manager's Meetings .....	\$1545.00
2006 Dues Collected and Deposited .....	1102.00
2007 Fees Collected and Deposited .....	15920.00
2008 Dues Collected and Deposited .....	27361.00
Oration Check from NSSAR .....	500.00
Interest Earned (Checking Account).....	27.33
Sub-Total .....	46,455.33
<b>Total Income: .....</b>	<b>\$58,252.01</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
American Flag Recognition Program .....	60.00
Awards and Medals, including Banner .....	1522.52
Board of Manager's Meetings .....	1995.03
Donations (ALCAR, CAAH, Blue Star, Library).....	1405.00
Dues Cards for 2008 .....	235.47
Dues Returned - Overpayment for 2008 .....	62.50
New Chapter Funding .....	436.00
Newsletter – SAR Alabama (Dec 06 and 2007 Issues).....	4682.98
NSSAR 2007 Dues/Fees Paid.....	13540.00
Officer Expenses.....	1425.67
State Convention (Feb 2007) Reimburse Host Chapter – Meals .....	480.00
Youth Programs Awards.....	2377.58
<b>Total Expenses: .....</b>	<b>- \$ 28,222.75</b>
<b>Ending Balance as of Dec. 31, 2007 .....</b>	<b>\$30,029.26</b>

A summary State Treasurer's report for this past year is published here for your review. The detailed report was presented at the BOM meeting held in conjunction with the recent ALSSAR convention in Huntsville.

As noted in the previous *SAR Alabama*, a balanced budget for 2008 was adopted at the October 2007 BOM. That budget may be viewed on the ALSSAR website. The newsletter also reported highlights of decisions reached. Of significant to members was an increase in the fee for BOM meetings from \$15 to \$20. Payment to the Ladies Auxiliary would remain at \$15 per member. Additionally, chapters should note that there is no longer reimbursement for one-half the cost of JROTC medals. The existing on-hand checking account balance will offer flexibility to the Society for other agreed expenses during the year.

Starting this year, the state and each chapter must provide the IRS with information about its organization and a statement that its annual gross receipts are still normally \$25,000 or less. Gross receipts is that income, such as dues, an organization keeps after it has passed on dues to a higher organization, or income from other sources such as money owned and invested by the chapter or state. The NSSAR Finance Director has stated that even though the \$25,000 benchmark may be exceeded, as a non-profit organization there should be no requirement to pay federal income tax. The IRS 990-N instructions have been updated and posted to the NSSAR website. For more information, click on the following link: <http://www.sar.org/news/IRS990.html>. Then, clicking on the 'FORM 990N' link will take you to the IRS site. Look for 'Click here' under "How to File." In the event needed, IRS customer service is 1-877-829-5500.

Organizations must file before May 15, 2008 for year 2007. If an organization doesn't file a return for three consecutive years it will lose its tax exempt status and must reapply to obtain the tax exempt status again. Chapter Tax IDs were provided to the chapters in the fall. A training session about the new requirement was held at the BOM/Convention in Huntsville.

—Bruce Pickette



—Photo by Jim Maples

**Secretary General David Appleby was the featured speaker at the 2008 ALSSAR convention.**

### Message

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Each member needs to recruit new members. Memberships are the lifeblood of our Society. Communications is the key to having an informed membership.

An institution ceremony was held at the Holiday Inn in Prattville on Saturday, March 29, 2008, to officially charter the General John Archer Elmore chapter. It was a historical event that was well attended. Congratulations to all the chapter officers and best wishes for the future success of the General John Archer Elmore chapter.

The Alabama Society now has 818 members in 16 chapters.

—James L. "Jim" Wardlaw



—Photo by Jim Maples

**National Planning Committee Chairman Larry Guzy discusses 2008 Congress in California.**

**Convention**

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Tom Jacks; National Congress Planning Committee Chairman Larry Guzy and his wife Karin; and National Executive Committee Member Steve Leachman.

On Saturday morning, Historian General David Sympson was the featured speaker at the 1000 Club breakfast. The 1000 Club breakfast was followed by the ALSSAR annual business meeting. During the meeting, the nominating committee presented nominations for the 2008-2009 year and the nominees were elected by the membership.

Also, on Saturday morning, the Ladies Auxiliary held it's annual meeting. A slate of officers was elected for the coming year. They were Leanne Cornwell, president; Abby Alexander, vice president; Linda Maples, secretary; Rita Pickette, treasurer; and Hazel Phillips, historian.

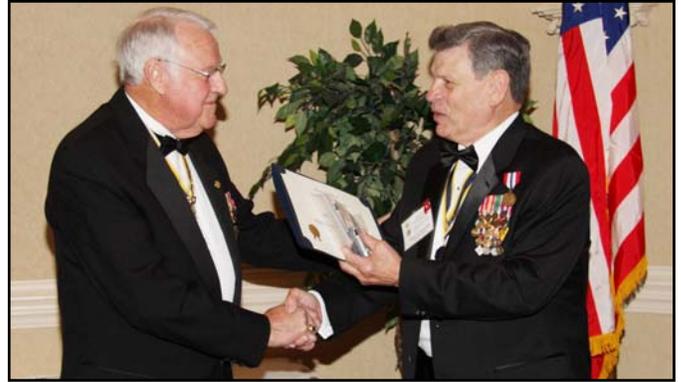
Former NSSAR first lady Wanda White installed the officers at the banquet on Saturday night.

The Ladies Auxiliary decided to make baskets and offer them for donations to the attendees of the convention. Funds raised from this project will be presented to the National Ladies Auxiliary this summer at the National Congress in California. At the convention banquet, Ladies Auxiliary President Leanne Cornwell presented ALS-SAR President Jim Alexander a check for \$1000 for the state youth programs.

During the convention, the state youth contest winners were recognized. Jeffery Johnson, sponsored by the General Galvez chapter, was the winner of the Knight Essay Contest. Donald Campbell from the Little River Chapter won the Rumbaugh Oration Contest. The Eagle Scout Award went to Davis Faulkner of the Cahaba-Coosa Chapter. The Birmingham Chapter won the Americanism Award.

Secretary General David Appleby was the keynote speaker at the Saturday night banquet. He also installed the incoming 2008-2009 state officers.

The highlight of the banquet was recognizing and rewarding those members who had made significant contributions to the state society. Those receiving awards were:



—Photo by Jim Maples

***ALSSAR president Jim Alexander, right, presents the Distinguished Service Medal, the highest medal presented by the president, to Hoyt Smith.***

- Henry Oldham, Leanne Cornwell and Elizabeth Boone received the Bronze Good Citizen Medal.
- Bob Thomas was presented the Bronze SAR-CAR Medal of Appreciation.
- Brian Alexander, Larry Crabtree, John Killian, Bob Melton, Bruce Pickette and Roger Vaughan received the Meritorious Service Award.
- Past Alabama Society President Larry Cornwell was presented the Patriot Medal.
- The state's highest award, the Distinguished Service Award, was presented to Hoyt Smith.
- Joe Fitzgerald, organizer of the Honor Flights, was awarded the Silver Good Citizen Medal.
- Ladies receiving the Martha Washington Award: DAR Regent Shelby Ward, Phyllis O'Connell, Sherry Hilley, Abby Alexander, Davie Williams, Kimberly Alexander and Linda Maples.
- Susan Crabtree received the Martha Washington Award Oak Leaf Cluster.

—Jim Alexander



***ALSSAR Convention***

***The ALSSAR Color Guard presents the colors to open the 2008 state convention in Huntsville, left. Right, ALS-SAR medals and awards chairman Hoyt Smith presents the Patriot Medal to past state president and national trustee Larry Cornwell. Cornwell also received the President's Special Award from ALSSAR president Jim Alexander for his outstanding efforts in recruiting new members to the SAR.***

—Photos by Jim Maples



# In Memory...

The Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter lost a longtime member in December with the passing of Leigh Pegues.

Pegues, 80, passed away on Dec. 13 at Jackson Hospital.

Pegues was born April 10, 1927 to Dr. and Mrs. C.L. Pegues in Marion. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a 1948 graduate of Marion Military Institute, where he later was an academic instructor and coach of the varsity football team. He was a 1950 graduate of the University of Alabama and for 25 years was the business manager of Judson College in Marion.

He was a former trustee of both Marion Military Institute and Judson College and an emeritus trustee of the University of West Alabama.

Pegues served as mayor of Marion from 1960-68 and as a state representative in the House of Representatives from 1975-83. While serving two terms as representative of the 86th District of Dallas, Marengo and Perry counties, he was instrumental in establishing Cahawba, Alabama's first permanent capi-

tal, as a state archaeological park.

In 1985, he became the director of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management and held that position until 1993.

Compatriot Pegues was a French Huguenot descendant and a former president of the Huguenot Society of Alabama.

His Revolutionary War ancestor was Claudius Pegues Jr., who was severely wounded at the battle of Eutaw Springs, S.C., on Sept. 8, 1781, while serving as a captain in the South Carolina Militia that fought in Francis Marion's brigade.

He was survived by his wife of 57 years, Martha Coney Pegues, and five children: daughter Martha and sons W. Leigh, John, Michael and Christopher.

Services were held on Dec. 15 at Siloam Baptist Church in his hometown of Marion. He was buried in the Marion City Cemetery.

—Ken Hayes



—Photos courtesy of Mark Steetle

## Tri-State officers

The Tri-State chapter recently installed 2008 officers, below, president Mark Steetle, vice president Robert Minder, treasurer Edwin Irwin and chaplain Jerome Richardson. At right, Steetle thanks former chaplain Robert Dunaway for his service in the chapter in 2007.



—Photos by Jim Maples

## Youth award winners

The ALSSAR convention honored the state winners of its youth contests, including Rumbaugh Orations winner Donald Campbell, above, sponsored by the Little River chapter, and Eagle Scout winner Davis Faulkner, left, sponsored by the Cahaba-Coosa chapter. Jeffery Johnson, sponsored by the Galvez chapter, won the Knight Essay contest.



## Chapter

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Alabama in five years and the 16th active chapter in Alabama. The lunch tables were beautifully decorated by Sarah Crane, wife of the new chapter president Bob Crane.

ALSSAR president Jim Wardlaw called the meeting to order. New chapter chaplain Bill Branch gave the opening invocation, and an 11-man (and one boy) color guard presented the national, state and SAR colors.

Southern District Vice President General John Wallace conducted the formal ceremony but kept it light with his good humor. He swore in the new chapter officers and charged the new chapter members to support them and the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Wardlaw presented the charter and president's gavel to Crane. Wardlaw also placed the president's insignia of the neck ribbon and member badge around Crane's neck. Crane responded with his pledge to live up to the expectations of his chapter members.

Alabama trustee and event organizer Larry Cornwell read a biography of General Elmore and a resolution passed by the Alabama Senate recognizing the new chapter's formation.

The chapter's namesake, General John Archer Elmore, was a private in the Revolutionary War and rose to the rank of general in the South Carolina militia after the war. He served in both the South Carolina and Alabama legislatures.

Cornwell introduced two descendants of General Elmore, Leah Stewart and her brother Dr. John Findley, who came from Texas to witness the institution ceremony and who were given a place of honor at the head table.

President Stan Phillips of the General Richard Montgomery chapter, the "parent unit" of the new chapter, presented a gift of a SAR flag to Crane and assured the new chapter's president that his chapter members were always welcome to continue to attend Montgomery's meetings.

Treasurer George Gayle of the General Richard Montgomery chapter turned over all the 2008 chapter dues paid to the General Richard Montgomery chapter by the new chapter members as seed money for their chapter operations.

ALSSAR color guard member Dick Wells presented a check to President Crane as start-up money for its own chapter color guard.

Wallace, in his role as chairman of the national George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF) Distribution Committee, presented President Crane with a SAR podium banner and decorative table-top flag set purchased with GWEF funds.

Leah Stewart presented a check to the new chapter on behalf of herself and her brother Dr. John Findley in honor of their patriot ancestor General Elmore.

After the SAR recessional, chaplain Branch gave a fitting benediction, thus ending a most memorable institution ceremony.

—Larry Cornwell



—Photo by Mike Wells

***New officers (L to R) Al Booth, Bob Crane and Bill Branch are sworn in by District VP John Wallace.***



—Photo by Mike Wells

***Chapter president Bob Crane, left, accepts SAR flag from Richard Montgomery president Stan Phillips.***



—Photo by Mike Wells

***Leah Elmore Stewart presents check to chapter on behalf of the descendants of Gen. John A. Elmore.***

# Phillips installed as Montgomery president

The Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter held its annual winter banquet at the Maxwell Air Force Base Officers Club on Dec. 12, 2007 to honor chapter members for their service over the past year and to install officers for the upcoming year.

Chapter president Mike Manasco welcomed the members and their guests, recognized special guests and handed out special recognition to youth program award winners and chapter members.

The chapter's youth award winners included Rumbaugh Orations winner Adair Daniel, a senior at Edgewood Academy in Elmore County that finished second in 2006 but won in 2007 with her speech on "The Price of Liberty."

The Eagle Scout winner was Matthew Chandler, a Billingsley High student who completed Eagle Scout work in February and has been awarded 30 merit badges.

Manasco then presented certificates of appreciation to chapter members Stan Phillips, Buddy Lane, George Gayle, Bill Scanlan, Brad Sanders, Jack Caraway and Mike McCreedy.

Manasco presented meritorious service medals to Bruce Pickette, Sanders, Ken Hayes, Buck Newman and Gayle.

The Martha Washington Medal was presented to Rita Pickette and LeAnne Cornwell.

The highlight of the medal presentation followed as the chapter paid special recognition to past state and

chapter president Larry Cornwell for his efforts in recruiting new members to the chapter and helping several of those members charter the Gen. John A. Elmore chapter in Prattville. The Gen. Richard Montgomery Chapter Award for Superior



—Photo by Bruce Pickette

***ALSSAR president Jim Alexander places neck ribbon on Stan Phillips.***

Service, the first of its kind, was presented to Cornwell.

Guest speaker and ALS-



—Photo by Bruce Pickette

***Larry Cornwell is presented award for superior service by outgoing chapter president Mike Manasco.***

SAR president Jim Alexander delivered a presentation on women in the American Revolution and their contributions to the cause.

Alexander then installed the new officers for 2008: Stan Phillips, president; Gene Stabler, vice president; Jack Caraway, secretary; George Gayle, treasurer; Mike McCreedy, historian; Bill Scanlan, genealogist; Brad Sanders, chap-

lain; Jim Meacham, sergeant-at-arms; and Larry Cornwell, registrar.

"I am humbled and honored to serve this organization," Phillips said in his acceptance speech, "with so illustrious a history as established by our forefathers."

Phillips concluded the banquet by presenting a pin to outgoing president Mike Manasco for his service in 2007.



—Photo by Bruce Pickette

***The 2008 officers are inducted in closing ceremonies at the December banquet.***

# Gen. Montgomery compatriot honored with military medal — 63 years later

By JENN ROWELL  
Montgomery Advertiser

Tom Richardson was a prisoner of war during World War II.

But it took the U.S. military more than 60 years to recognize that.

On Wednesday, he received his POW medal.

He received it at the Sons of the American Revolution meeting. His friend, retired Col. Ken Hayes, pinned the medal on him.

It took him more than 60 years because of who Richardson's captors were.

Russians, who were America's allies at the time, held Richardson and his crew captive after his B-17 bomber went down in Poland, near Warsaw.

Despite major damage to his plane on four different missions, Richardson had made it back unharmed. He became known as the lucky pilot in his squadron because no one ever had been injured or killed while flying with him.

On March 15, 1945, Richardson's plane, nicknamed Smiley Jack, was headed toward Berlin on a bombing run. It was the bomber pilot's 17th mission of the war.

He was flying a different plane than usual that day and one of the engines had been replaced. He was told that it wouldn't cause him any problems, but Richardson found out later that his plane never should have left the ground. The engine hadn't been installed properly.

When his plane started taking enemy fire, the faulty engine, engine No. 2, was hit and caught fire. Richardson and his seven-man crew put the fire out.

But the cockpit flooded with gasoline. The crew, flying at somewhere between 20,000 to 25,000 feet above the ground, had to open windows to breathe. The instrument panel went haywire.

He and his crew flew toward Poland, hoping to get behind Allied lines. They did, but were held by the Russians, who interrogated them in several different towns. Then Richardson and about 65 other prisoners were marched to the side of a railroad. They were divided into groups of four, and food was rationed to them.

They were given a one-gallon tin of lard, a 10-pound tin of Spam, one pound of tea, a small bag of tobacco and a bag of dried peas that were nearly inedible.

"This is what we got to live on," Richardson said. "I could have used it for bird shot."

The prisoners were loaded into 10 foot by 20-foot rail cars. There were 35 people and a guard in Richardson's car and "if we hunched up, we could all lie down," he said.

One of the prisoners had gotten Schnapps from locals and gave it to their Russian guard.

"We found out he liked schnapps, it would



—Photo courtesy of Bruce Pickette

**Richardson, center, is honored by Ken Hayes, left, Brad Sanders.**

make him happy," Richardson said. "So we would keep him happy and we would slip out."

The prisoners broke into two groups when they slipped out, one to get firewood and another to get food from local markets. Richardson had about 40 English pounds with him that he had planned to use to buy a gift at Harrods in London for his new bride. But instead he used the money to buy clothes from the British troops and traded the clothes for food.

"We ate a lot of raw onions," he said. "We were able to scrounge around for food."

The German prisoners further up the train got two hot meals per day.

"I got put out that they cared more about the German than us," Richardson said.

After about 21 days, the Russians turned the prisoners over to the British in Odessa, Ukraine, where they got a hot meal.

"I didn't know what was going to happen," Richardson said. "I watched the sun every day and as long as we were headed south out of cold weather, I wasn't too worried. But if we'd started going east, I would have been concerned."

Richardson and his crew were shipped by boat to Naples, Italy, where they were briefed and sworn to secrecy. He and his crew returned to their base just before the Germans surrendered on May 7 and 8, or V-E Day.

Richardson said he wanted to get back to his base and get back to the fight.

"I went down on my 17th mission," he said. "I'd come there to do a job and I got waylaid."

The crew members were some of the lowest ranking airmen on base because they had missed unit wide promotions, but couldn't tell their commanding officers why.

Richardson is the first of his downed bomber crew to get official recognition as a former prisoner of war and now he's working to get the same recognition for the rest of his crew.

"It doesn't mean any money or anything, but that's what we were," he said.

Lt. Col. Jim Hawkins of the Alabama National Guard is a fellow member of the Sons of the American Revolution with Richardson and helped with the paperwork.

He found the Army regulations listing what was needed and drafted a letter requesting the recognition for Richardson to sign.

"My part was really very minor," Hawkins said. "It's very exciting, he's such a great guy."

For the last six decades, Richardson said people thought he was crazy when he said he was a prisoner of the Russians.

But one piece of paper, a medical report issued by the U.S. government during the war, states that Thomas Richardson was an ex-POW and it was stamped in Moscow.

"So there was proof," he said. "People probably think I'm a nut. But these things I've told you is how it was."

## Former ALSSAR compatriot's uniform highlights display



—Photo courtesy NSSAR

*NSSAR display at Louisville airport.*

Travelers walking through the Louisville International Airport in the first three months of 2008 must have thought they were traveling through a museum if they passed the Pegasus Gallery on the way to baggage claim.

The NSSAR created a patriotic display and a mission based theme in its three display cases.

One display showcases the SAR, its members, educational programs and community events. The second case features Revolutionary War uniforms. George Washington is the prominent theme in the third portion.

The second case, interestingly enough, has ties to the ALSSAR, displaying the uniform worn proudly by the late Richard Kemp.

“Most of the members of the ALSAR remember the many contribu-

tions Dick Kemp made to our state organization,” Southern District Vice President General John Wallace said, “especially in recruiting new members, organizing chapters and his active participation in the state color guard.

“At the time of his death, the family passed his uniform on to the Wiregrass chapter which, in turn, donated the uniform to the museum in Louisville. Word has been received that the uniform is being incorporated into one of the educational programs for school children conducted by our Educational Director Colleen Wilson.

“Certainly this is both a fitting and lasting tribute to Dick as he so enjoyed going into the class room in uniform and speaking about the American Revolution.”



—Photo courtesy of Bobby Joe Seales

### *Cahaba-Coosa selects 2008 officers*

*The Cahaba-Coosa chapter recently installed its 2008 officers, which include president Alan Dismukes, vice-president and surgeon Rick Price, secretary Bob Melton, treasurer Donald Glover, registrar and genealogist John Walker, chaplain Joel Bearden, chancellor Glenn Nivens and sergeant-at-arms Rick Booth. Following the ceremony, the presidents of the six-year-old chapter posed for a picture, including (from left): Dismukes, 2007 president Curtis Posey III, 2006 president Curtis Posey Jr., and Bobby Joe Seales, the chapter's first president in 2003 and 2004. Not pictured is 2005 president Scott Martin.*

## Wiregrass treated to Revolutionary-era medical treatment

The members and guest of the Wiregrass chapter were both informed and entertained at the February meeting with a presentation of Revolutionary War medicine.

Judi Lee Stinnett appeared in period attire representing her great-great-great grand uncle Augustus Lee Shippen, a surgeon's mate during the Revolution and doctor after the war.

Using genuine medical instruments from the 1700s, procedures such as blood letting, drawing, probing for bullets, drilling holes in the skull to relieve pressure from musket butt injuries and battlefield amputations were explained and demonstrated.

Many of the chapter members were selected to serve as “patients.” Stinnett is an Enterprise native and retired educator.

—John Wallace



**STINNETT**



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

*President Richard Britton, left, looks on as Jean Courtney pins rosette on her husband, compatriot Marvin Courtney.*

## Gen. Galvez chapter inducts new member

Baldwin County Director of Transportation Taylor Rider was the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Gen. Galvez chapter on Feb. 14.

Rider discussed what is developing in area public transit, the economic implications, why it strengthens the community and is important to everyone who lives here, and how individuals can take advantage of it. Rider was an engaging speaker on a subject people need to know about, whether you think you'd like to ride the bus or not.

Chaplain Leroy McGaughy informed the 26 members and guests present at the meeting that the chapter's entry in the Knight essay scholarship contest, Jeffrey M. Johnston, had won the state competition and will be going to the national contest.

We are extremely proud of this young man and everyone in our area can be proud to have him representing us on the National level.

Chapter president Richard Britton inducted new member Marvin Roscoe Courtney into the SAR. He is 87 years young and is an inspiration to those who know him. His ancestor, James Courtney, served in the Virginia militia during the American Revolution. Mrs. Jean Courtney pinned the SAR rosette on her husband.

—Mike Glass

# Britton installed as Galvez president

ALSSAR president Jim Alexander was on hand for the January meeting of the Gen. Galvez chapter to induct the chapter's 2008 officers in front of 40 members and guests on Jan. 19 at the Heron Lakes Country Club.

The chapter had a banner year under Leroy McGaughy and the outgoing president presented certificates of appreciation to Eugenia Parker, Mike Glass, Joan Becker, Dale Bevier, Jim Wardlaw, John Goss, Harold Wells, Dr. Otha Salter and Bud McDonald for their contributions.



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

*New General Galvez president Richard Britton, left, with ALSSAR president Jim Alexander.*

Alexander awarded a state meritorious medal and certificate to Ed Blount Jr. for his contribution as ALSSAR chancellor in 2007.

Alexander installed Richard Britton as president, Stan Virden as vice president and Bud McDonald as secretary/treasurer for 2008.

Alexander, spoke on "Embracing the Programs" wherever you are and particularly the SAR programs. We must ask ourselves, "Are our programs interesting? Do we make people feel welcome and can we keep the members coming?" Good programs suffer when older members leave and younger members do not fill in and keep programs going. The Gen. Galvez chapter is a role model for others to emulate.

Alexander awarded a state meritorious medal to McGaughy, who praised the members for their work in making 2007 a success.

New president Britton occupied the podium and acknowledged his obligation to the chapter and asked for members' continued support and involvement in the programs for 2008.

The 2009 ALSSAR convention will be in Mobile and will demand a lot of work from the chapter in order for it to be successful. Jim Wardlaw has agreed to continue to handle the ROTC program, John Goss will handle the awards program, Harold Wells will continue to handle the VA program, Mike Glass will handle the Baldwin County publicity and Pete Eleazer will continue as chapter historian.

—Mike Glass



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## **ALSSAR members help charter Florida chapter**

On Jan. 5, five ALSSAR Color Guard members representing three south Alabama chapters augmented the FLSSAR Color Guard at the chartering of the William Dunaway Chapter in Marianna, Fla.

Mark Steetle, president of the Tri-State chapter; former ALSSAR president Price Legg of the Gen. Galvez chapter; Wiregrass vice-president Joe Graves; Wiregrass sergeant-at-arms Andy Spann and Tri-State compatriot Frank Patten traveled to Marianna to show their support.

Southern District Vice President General John Wallace was also on hand to present the newly chartered chapter a miniature flag set and podium drape provided by the George Washington Endowment Fund.

The newest Florida chapter was organized by Fletcher, Harry and Kenny Dunaway (all dual members of the Tri-State chapter) and named in honor of their patriot ancestor.

—John Wallace



—Photo courtesy of John Wallace

***ALSSAR members, from left: Mark Steetle, Price Legg, Joe Graves and Andy Spann helped charter the new Florida chapter in January.***