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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Compatriots,
May and June have come and gone. It has been a busy time and many of us have enjoyed several events. The great works of the chapters I have been able to participate in have shown the dedication of many who are carrying on the principles and purpose of our great Society.

I visited the Black Warrior chapter and had a great time being part of their annual banquet. For those who have not been to Tuscaloosa since the tornado ravaged the city it is evident as you drive into the area that the scars will take a long time to heal. Everyone in the chapter was affected in some way by the storm or knows someone who was. The disruptive power of the storm and the devastation will be part of conversations for a long time. Even with the distraction of the storm aftermath the chapter is continuing to represent the ALSSAR in a strong and beneficial way. It was great to see Walter's flags displayed at the meeting. I congratulate them for their work and contributions to the community.

Along with the Tennessee Valley chapter, I was able to participate in the dedication of a monument to honor patriot Stephen DuBoise II,

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BOM discusses future of 'weak' chapters

The spring meeting of the Board of Managers was held on May 5 at the American Village in Montevallo with 32 members present.

One of the primary topics of discussion among the group was a discussion of "weak" chapters and the revocation of

chapter charters. The discussion included minimum membership, chapter activities and the disposition of chapter property. ALSSAR president C.W. Posey asked state chancellor Roy Robertson to review the Society's constitution and by-laws, with recommendations

presented at the fall Board of Managers meeting in Montgomery on Oct. 13.

While the organization is growing – secretary Bruce Buehler noted Society membership now stood at 1,011 –

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—Photo courtesy of George Royer

Tennessee Valley president George Royer, left, presents medals and certificates to, from left: Elmer "Spike" Field, Alex Black, Bill Pittman, Dewey Lusk, Chris Gender, Frank Moring and Ray Van Orden in a chapter ceremony on April 9.

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WW II veterans honored by Tennessee Valley

At the Tennessee Valley meeting on April 9, World War II War Service medals were presented by president George Royer to seven chapter compatriots: Elmer "Spike" Field, Alex Black, Bill Pittman, Dewey Lusk, Chris Gender, Frank Moring and Ray Van Orden.

Field enlisted in the Navy at age 17 and served in the Navy's underwater demolition team during the war. He served on 15 different ships, including the USS Missouri.

Black served as a Navy pilot during the war.

Pittman joined the Marines in 1940 and initially served at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and, after the war began, in the South Pacific beginning in the Solomon Islands.

Lusk served in the U.S. Army Air Corps on Tinian Island in the Pacific and operated a radar jamming station to disrupt enemy radar to protect U.S. B-29 bombers heading for Japan. Gender served in the Navy on a destroyer tender.

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who was a contributor to the Revolutionary War. The ceremony was organized by the chapter and several members of the community and the family were there to be part of the ceremony. It was also encouraging to have the Color Guard from the chapter to present the colors. The cemetery is in Franklin County just southeast of Phil Campbell.

On the way home from the grave dedication we were able to find an important landmark where many of our society members have ancestral connections. The name of the place is Posey's Mill. We found the cemetery where several members of the Posey family were buried and found the remnants of the grist mill.

The same day that the marker was dedicated in Franklin County, another grave was marked by the Wiregrass chapter in Pike County. The marking was for Jonathan Williams, a Revolutionary War patriot.

One of the highlights of May was the Board of Managers meeting held at the American Village in Montevallo. It was good to have the meeting at the Village and enjoy the fellowship and hospitality afforded us. There are many great activities going on and being planned in the near future at the Village. The National Cemetery adjacent to the Village property is a place everyone should make a special trip to see. It gives true meaning to the sacrifices our soldiers have given to afford us our freedom.

Several members of the Society were present at the American Village on Memorial Day for the Blue Star Salute. Librarian General Mike Wells and our newly appointed Color Guard commander, Tom Smith, who came in uniform, assisted me in laying the wreath to honor our forefathers for their sacrifices to obtain and maintain freedom. Many organizations gathered that day to honor our fallen soldiers. It is a solemn ceremony and we were proud to be part of it. The DAR and CAR presented their wreaths during the honoring of our soldiers both past and present.

Jim Alexander and I attended a meeting of the Lamar County

Sons of Liberty chapter to assist them in their reorganization efforts. Jim presented a program on the duties of chapter officers and the programs of the Society. Several members of the chapter were present and left committed to rebuilding and sustaining the chapter. Their plan is to work through the months of June and July to reinstate delinquent members. A nominating committee is to be formed to elect officers at their August meeting. I will be privileged to install the officers and charge them with their duties. We need to encourage the chapter and offer them any assistance we can.

I want to welcome our newest members: Philip Weldon Easter, Joshua Oscar Kelley, Jacob Lewis Gibson, Daniel Bryant Summerhill, Mark Edward Hubbs, Charles Benjamin McDonald Sr., Maddox Paul Magrino, James Fredrick Bell Jr., John Carr Jones, Alan Paul Jones, Charlie Thompson Jones IV, Charlie Thompson Jones V, Benjamin Stanford Jackson, William Joshua Atkinson, Kenneth Robert Doehrman, Robert Emmitt Payne Jr., Theodore Walker Johnston Jr., Edwin Oscar Carroll, David Glenn Lawyer and Harry Lucas Pennington Jr.

Congratulations to these new compatriots. We look forward to your continued efforts to preserve the heritage you enjoy and hope you will become an active member of your chapter. If we have the commitment and fortitude that our forefathers had we will strive to keep their memory alive through education. The pledge I made on each of my visits described above was to continue presenting a central theme to our members about what they can do to continue educating their compatriots, children and grandchildren throughout 2012 and into 2013.

The central theme will be:

"Honor our Forefathers who Gave us our Freedom and Teach our Children the Values and Cost of Freedom."

I look forward to seeing you at many more events throughout the year including our fall Board of Managers meeting on Oct. 13 at the MAX Credit Union building in Montgomery. Keep a close eye on the web site for announcements about upcoming events.

Respectfully in your service,

C. W. Posey, Jr.

National genealogical conference coming to Birmingham

The Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold its 2012 national conference at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex on Aug. 29-Sept. 1.

The Alabama Genealogical Society is the host of the conference.

Genealogists from beginners to experts will enjoy "Indians, Squatters, Settlers and Soldiers in the 'Old Southwest,'" featuring approximately 160 presentations over a four-day period that include virtually every area of genealogy.

Presentations from national experts

include DNA testing, "finding unfindable ancestors" and other fields that include Irish, German, English, Nordic, African and Native American ancestry, methods of research for ancestors in early Indian wars, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the War of 1812 and the Mexican War and how to utilize PDF files, work with social media, write down your research and maximize photography.

Networking with other genealogists increases your ability to solve your genealogical problems. Everyone knows

something and getting them all in the same room generates synergy and enthusiasm to share that knowledge.

Registration is \$245 for the four-day convention or participants can attend one day's events for \$99. Workshops and luncheons are provided at an additional charge.

The Sheraton Birmingham is the official conference hotel.

You can register online at www.fgs.org or e-mail 2012conference@fgs.org to sign up for e-updates.

Wiregrass chapter honors patriot Jonathan Williams

On the 20th of May under blue skies and decades-old pecan trees, the Wiregrass chapter conducted a grave dedication program for Revolutionary War soldier Jonathan Williams at the Blanton Field Cemetery near Brundidge in Pike County.

Approximately 80 descendants and area residents were on hand to help honor Williams, who is one of several known soldiers to have settled in the area following the American Revolution.

Born in Connecticut on April 17, 1764, he enlisted at the age of 14 in Col. Beardsley's Regiment of Militia and served most of the war in the South with the army of Gen. Greene.

Williams would later marry and, like so many other veterans, move westward in search of land. He arrived in Pike County in 1824 where he built a log cabin.

As settlers moved into the area, circuit rider ministers conducted services in his home, and from this humble beginning came the church which continues to bear his name today: Williams Chapel Methodist Church. Still an active church, it is the oldest Methodist church in Pike County. The grave deduction program took place in the cemetery of the original log church.

Lawrence Bowden, third great grandson of Williams, provided the group with numerous stories concerning the hardships encountered by the family and other early settlers in Pike County. He even recounted how Williams returned to North Carolina to bring his daughter, her husband and children to Pike County. Williams was apparently concerned that since she had elected to marry a Bowden, she might well starve to death if she stayed in North Carolina...

The event was supported by elements of the Alabama Color Guard assisted by a member from the Georgia Color Guard, all under the command of Tom Smith, ALSSAR state Color Guard commander.



—Photo by Jim Gilmer

Wiregrass chapter members participated in a grave-marking ceremony for Revolutionary War soldier Jonathan Williams near Brundidge in May.

This group also provided a musket volley team for the occasion.

In addition to the actual dedication of a SAR marker and presentation of numerous SAR and DAR wreaths from around the area, remarks were provided by Col. Marvin Vickers Jr., Wiregrass chapter president and ALS-SAR senior vice president, and ALS-SAR trustee Bruce Pickette.

Emphasis was given to the efforts being made by both the chapter and the state organization to preserve the history of those individuals who gave so much for the liberties we enjoy today.

Dr. Nelson Gwinn, Wiregrass chapter piper, provided pipe music and played *Amazing Grace* which was followed closely by the haunting strains of *Taps* by bugler Rev. Doc

Kirby.

The chapter also used the event as a back drop for the induction of Charles McDonald and his grandson, Maddox Magrino, into the SAR and the Wiregrass chapter.

A reception was held, most appropriately, in the Williams Chapel Methodist Church following the dedication program.

Over the past eight-nine years, the Wiregrass chapter has marked seven Revolutionary War graves in the area, with each program based on the goal of honoring the service of a particular patriot and providing descendants a meaning tribute to their ancestor.

Based on comments from the Williams family, this goal was achieved once again on this warm spring day.

—John Wallace

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the state officers are concerned with finding ways to increase chapter membership, particularly in those areas where it is stagnant, through chapter education, revitalization and reinstatement. The BOM recommended a review of the procedures of other state societies and the Daughters of the American Revolution with the thought of developing a standard procedure.

The Society should, according to the BOM, monitor the level of active members and inaction, including elections, reports and payments of dues. The need for proactive intervention including on-site training and a one-year warning period were also discussed.

The proposal of Regional Vice Presidents was presented by Buehler, who stressed that this concept would improve the personal contact between the Society and the chapters. Past

ALSSAR president Bruce Pickette made a motion, which passed, to establish three regions to help in this aspect.

The treasurer's report noted that the Endowment Fund gained just \$6.44 in interest from February. Because of the low interest return on interest bearing accounts, all of the Endowment Fund remains in a Small Business High Performance Money Market account, which pays more than CD accounts. The Endowment Fund decided to use that account until interest rates improve but continues to search for alternatives to the money market that will gain more interest.

The Revolutionary War brochure was discussed as well, with a final draft to be completed by the fall BOM meeting. The ALSSAR continues to have discussions with the state Department of Tourism to distribute the brochure and is exploring how many brochures to produce, with 1,000 copies costing \$1,109 (or .90 each), 3,000 copies costing \$1,513 (or .50 each) and 5,000 copies costing \$1,903 (or .33 each).



—Photo courtesy of Dick Erickson

Ladies Auxiliary member Joan Erickson with N. Baharanyo.

Montgomery chapter compatriot participates in naturalization ceremony

On May 1, 15 individuals from nine countries were naturalized as American citizens in a ceremony in Montgomery.

Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter compatriot Dick Erickson attended the ceremony on behalf of the chapter at the federal courthouse in Montgomery.

Presiding Judge W. Harold Albritton recognized the SAR's participation as well as the Colonial Dames, the DAR and Boy Scout Troop 15 from the Capital City.

Judge Albritton then described for the new citizens what American citizenship meant, including duties of citizenship. He set his remarks within the context of the 236-year history of our democracy.

After the ceremony Erickson and his wife Joan, a member of the ALSSAR Auxillary, chatted with Mr. N. Baharanyi, formerly of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It took him 28 years to become a US citizen and his story highlights what so many Americans take for granted....their citizenship.

—Dick Erickson

Veterans*(Continued from Page 1)*

Morning served three years in the U.S. Army during the war, two of which were spent in Greenland at an air base which served as a stopover for U.S. aircraft head-

ing for Europe.

Van Orden served in the U.S. Army in the Philippines and later in the army of occupation in Japan after the surrender.

Several of these veterans are well into

their 90s. We were very pleased as a chapter to be able to honor these veteran compatriots and to thank each of them for their service.

—George Royer

Richard Montgomery chapter rededicates historical markers in downtown Capital City ceremony

On Patriot's Day, April 19, the Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter conducted a ceremony to rededicate two significant historical markers in Montgomery. The ceremony began in the morning at the corner of Commerce and Water streets (in front of Union Station) with the rededication of the marker noting the Muscogee Indian village of Encanchata.

In 1780, the British recruited Creek warriors whose villages were located along the Alabama River at and adjacent to what is now the City of Montgomery to relieve Tories in Augusta, Ga., being besieged by American patriots. The historical marker was originally placed by the chapter in 1980.

Chapter president Tom Smith, supported by the Gen. Richard Montgomery color guard, hosted the event with special guest and noted local historian Mary Ann Neeley and Deputy Mayor Jeff Downes.

Following the rededication of the Encanchata marker, the assembled group followed the color guard one block up Commerce Street to another historical marker commemorating the visit of the Marquis de Lafayette to Montgomery in 1825. The procession was met by Mike Eveleth, general manager of the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel, Spa and Convention Center.

On the corner of Commerce and Tallapoosa streets, where the hotel now stands, Lafayette was given a public reception in Freeney's Tavern, which stood on the site until 1899. Downes and Eveleth welcomed the group and spoke of the changes that have been made in downtown Montgomery and of the importance of honoring our past.

Following additional words from Neeley about the significance of historical markers and some details about the Lafayette reception, Smith and Downes placed a memorial wreath at the marker.

Both markers were removed from their Commerce Street site, along with several others, for the construction of the hotel and the adjacent parking deck which serves the hotel guests. The markers had been stored by the city under former



—Photo by Walter Stevenson

Color Guard members, from left: Larry Cornwell, Dick Wells, Tom Smith, Brad Sanders and Jack Caraway with Encanchata marker.



—Photo by Walter Stevenson

Color Guard members with Lafayette marker on Commerce Street.

mayor Bobby Bright but were not returned to their original sites when hotel construction was completed in February, 2008.

For several years, chapter members Bruce Pickette and Larry Cornwell had tracked and pursued the replacing of the markers. The Encanchata marker was put in its new site earlier in 2011 by the city

and the Lafayette marker returned to Commerce Street during the fall of 2011 through the combined efforts of the city and the hotel.

The two historical markers now stand once again in downtown Montgomery to proudly remind us of our Revolutionary War connections and Alabama history.

—Bruce Pickette

Mobile police officer honored by Gen. Galvez chapter

The General Galvez chapter honored Mobile police officer Chad Wynne with one of its highest national awards, the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, for his selfless commitment to his community and for supporting his fellow officers even when it endangered his life on March 2.

This medal, which may only be given once in an individual's lifetime due to its significance, was presented at the Mobile City Council meeting on May 29.

Gen. Galvez chapter president Mack Matthews introduced the program with the facts above and chapter Law Enforcement Awards chairman John Goss read the description of Wynne's actions that were being honored.

Chairman Goss noted, "On March 2, 2012, Officer Chad Wynne, an off-duty Mobile police officer, heard a call of a 'robbery in progress' in the area very near his location at that time. Chad drove to the site to assist officers responding to the 911 call.

"Chad, when entering the building with the other officers while the robbery was still in progress, was shot and critically wounded. The responding officers returned fire, striking one subject, who was transported to USA Medical Center prior to booking. Chad was also transported to the same hospital where he remained in critical condition until his release two weeks later.

"Prior to this intervention, Officer Wynne was named 'Officer of the Month' in April 2007, after he arrested a number of suspects which subsequently resulted in the shutdown of an auto burglary ring."

Matthews called Wynne and Police Chief Michael T. Williams to the podium for the presentation of the award. Matthews asked Chief Williams to pin on Wynne's medal as Matthews presented the certificate.

It was the chapter's second presentation in front of the city council in three months. In March, the chapter posthumously honored officer Steven Green in a ceremony that included Mobile mayor Sam Jones.

—Leroy McGaughy



—Photo courtesy of Leroy McGaughy

Mobile City Council, background, stands in honor of presentation made to Mobile police officer Chad Wynne, second from right, as Gen. Galvez compatriot John Goss and chapter president Mack Matthews join Police Chief Michael Williams, far right, in award ceremony.



—Photo courtesy of City of Mobile

Honoring a fallen police officer

Gen. Galvez president Mack Matthews, second from left, posthumously honored Mobile police officer Steven Green with a presentation to his widow, Valerie, as Erica Hyter, Police Chief Michael Williams, Lester Hargrove and Mobile mayor Sam Jones look on.



—Photo by Suzanne McGaughy

Chapter representatives (from left) John Goss, Mack Matthews and Leroy McGaughy, along with Richard Britton, far right, present award to Cadet First Sergeant Christine Burrell and her instructor, Robert F. Barrow, second from right.

LeFlore High cadet wins state's Enhanced JROTC Award

The Gen. Galvez chapter honored Cadet First Sergeant Christine Burrell of the JROTC "Rattler" Battalion at John L. LeFlore High School for winning the SAR Enhanced JROTC Award for the state of Alabama, which included her essay entitled "How Has JROTC Prepared Me to be a Better Citizen of the United States."

Cadet Sergeant Burrell won the Alabama state award based on her record and essay when compared to the other candidates out of the 119 ROTC units in the state. She received a Bronze Medal, a certificate, a bar for her uniform and a check for \$275 at LeFlore High School in front of her peers.

Her documentation and essay will be forwarded to the national headquarters to be entered as the Alabama state winner in the national contest against the other 49 state winners.

The April 2 ceremony in the ROTC area of the school included LeFlore High principal Alvin Dailey and LeFlore JROTC Instructor LTC (Ret) Robert F. Barrow. Gen. Galvez chapter president Mack Matthews introduced the organization and stated the chapter goals in recognizing local patriotism. He called on Richard Britton, Mobile County JROTC Chairman for the chapter, to describe the actions of Cadet Sergeant Burrell we were honoring. Then, Matthews awarded the Bronze Medal, the certificate, the bar for her uniform and the \$275 check.

A reception followed where Christine was congratulated by the JROTC battalion.

—Leroy McGaughy

Galvez chapter inducts new compatriots in March, April meetings

The Gen. Galvez chapter held its April meeting at the Bass Pro Shop in Spanish Fort, featuring guest speaker Marine LTC (Ret) Peter Greer.

Greer spoke on "Patriot Captains of the USS Constitution (Old Ironsides)." He described the 1794 Naval Armament Act which authorized construction of six frigates. The USS Constitution was the first of the six and was begun in 1794 at Edmund Hart's shipyard in Boston. Greer noted that the first captain, Samuel Nicholson, was commissioned to get 68 trees from Georgia to build the frigate and the bottom planks were specified to be 21 inches thick. In the first 15 years, beginning when Nicholson sailed the ship from Boston to the Caribbean, there were seven different captains. Greer offered many details on the various captains and their adventures.

Chapter president Mack Matthews also inducted William "Bill" Joseph Boor into the SAR as a new member.

At the March 8 meeting, Matthews installed three new members — Thomas Matthew Fant, Huey Long Kirk and T. B. "Tommy" Rhodes III.

Matthews also presented Kirk M. Barrett with the War Service Medal and certificate. This medal is presented to an SAR member who has served in the armed forces of the United States and fought against a common enemy of the United States in a war or action for which a campaign medal and ribbon are authorized.

Matthews presented Wayne Sirmon with the SAR Meritorious Service Medal for his service as chapter vice-president and president. Matthews noted that Sirmon had also just been installed as ALSSAR recording secretary. We appreciate his willingness to serve both at chapter and state levels.

Matthews asked vice-president J. Robert Shell to introduce a fellow compatriot and speaker of the month, George Kirchoff. George is president of GFK, an automotive consulting group and is considered the father of our present automobile air bag. He spoke on "The Evolution of Automotive Safety."

When he worked for Morton Thiokol, he became familiar with fast burning explosives used in the space program. He saw the advantage of this technology in actuating an auto safety device because of the need for its rapid deployment. He was the leader in the effort to design a system that would activate an airbag in minute fractions of a second. He then gave us the auto accident statistics showing the reduction in fatalities as both the front and side airbags were deployed.

—Mike Glass



—Photos courtesy of George Royer

Tennessee Valley assists DAR in grave-marking ceremony in Moulton

On April 14, the Tennessee Valley chapter color guard participated in a grave marking ceremony at the Milam Campground Cemetery in Moulton in support of the Stephens Chapter NSDAR of Decatur. The patriot whose grave was marked was William Goodwin Balch, who rendered patriotic services in North Carolina during the Revolution. Color Guard members participating included Ken Carpenter, Connie Cook, Bob Bacus and Otha Skeet'Vaughn. The Color Guard flag bearer was Dr. Noble Roberts, a Balch family member and a member of the Gov. Issac Shelby Chapter of the KYSSAR in Shelbyville. Also present for the ceremony were former ALSSAR president David Billings, chapter president George Royer and compatriot Bob Doherty.



—Photos courtesy of Carl Thornton

Lamar County Sons of Liberty chapter holds reorganization meeting

The Lamar County Sons of Liberty chapter held a special meeting on June 3 at the Lamar County Health Department community room in Vernon, drawing 17 members and guests to hear ALSSAR president C.W. Posey and past president Jim Alexander. Posey spoke on how to organize a successful chapter, while Alexander explained the duties of chapter officers. The group plans to meet again on Aug. 5.

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—Bruce Pickett
ACPA Liaison

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SAR assists in grave ceremony near Phil Campbell

The Tennessee Valley chapter, along with ALSSAR president C.W. Posey Jr., participated in the grave-marking ceremony of Revolutionary War patriot Stephen Duboise II near Phil Campbell on May 20.

Duboise served with Col. Francis Marion in South Carolina during the Revolution.

Posey brought greetings from the Alabama Society and dedicated the grave marker. Posey also presented the State Society's wreath. Tennessee Valley president George Royer presented the chapter wreath.

Compatriot Bob Anderson, portraying Gen. Daniel Morgan, gave an account of Duboise's military service in the Revolution.

Approximately 50 Duboise family members attended the grave marking.

—George Royer



—Photo courtesy of George Royer

ALSSAR president C.W. Posey Jr., left, with Tennessee Valley chapter color guard members Bob Anderson, Ken Carpenter, Jim Maples, Otha "Skeet" Vaughn, Connie Cook and Bob Baccus.