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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Members of the Alabama Society:
It was an honor to be installed as the state president on Saturday night 17th of February. I appreciate your confidence and I will do my best to live up to your trust. I am open to comments and suggestions from each of you. The ALSSAR is an outstanding society and perhaps, working together, we can improve on it.

We have an immediate concern within the society and that's our membership. We dropped about 200 members in this year because of non-payment of dues. This represents about 25 per cent of our total membership. It is very important that we get them reinstated soon. If you know of someone who didn't pay his dues, let him know that we miss and need them in the society. Members are needed not only for their monetary support but also for their participation in meetings, on committees and in being a chapter or state officer.

Also, I urge each one of you to attend your chapter and state meetings. Only through strong support of all our members can we expect to grow in numbers, and what's equally as important, in letting the local and state communities "know who we are."

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ALSSAR President Alexander installed at state convention

One hundred and fifty two members and guests participated in the 2007 Alabama Society convention over a two-day period in Montgomery, beginning with a reception at the Drury Inn on Friday evening, Feb. 16, and ending with an evening buffet banquet at the Maxwell Air Force Base Officers Club on Saturday.

Distinguished visitors included President General Nathan White and his wife Wanda, Genealogist General Chuck Bragg and his wife Karen, Historian General David Sympson and Vice President General, Southern District, Hunter McDonald III.

At the well-attended Saturday morning George Washington Breakfast, Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter president Mike Manasco received a standing ovation for his keynote address entitled, "Words of the Patriot Heart," consisting of memorized patriotic verses and creeds.

He was followed by John Wallace, chairman of the George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF) Distribution Committee, who announced that the



—Photo by Jim Maples

Jim Alexander is installed as new ALSSAR president by NSSAR President General Nathan White.

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NSSAR President Nathan White presents award to American Village director Tom Walker.

SAR honors American Village's Tom Walker

On Feb. 16, NSSAR President General Nathan E. White Jr., visited Montevallo to present the SAR Distinguished Patriot Leadership Award to compatriot Thomas G. Walker Jr., the founder and executive director of The American Village. This is only the fourth time that this prestigious award has been given.

White made the presentation at the colonial chapel at The American Village, the 113-acre setting where visitors and 40,000 school children from all over the southeast United States annually visit to learn about our nation's founding.

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Message

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I commend the ALSSAR Color Guard for their dedication and effort. They bring the Alabama Society and the Sons of the American Revolution into the public spotlight, not only in the state of Alabama, but in the southeastern United States as well. If anyone is interested in joining this group, I'm sure that Color Guard Commander Brad Sanders would love to have more members.

I look forward to serving you in the year to come.

Fraternally,

James G. Alexander

May BOM meeting at American Village

The Alabama Society will hold its spring Board of Managers meeting on May 5 at the American Village in Montevallo. The meeting is scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

The newly created Ladies Auxiliary of the Alabama Society will be serving lunch.

The Board of Managers will address various issues during the business meeting, including the ALSSAR budget, which includes youth contest awards, for the coming year.

The committee also will vote on state delegates to send to the national Congress in July in Williamsburg.

All chapters should have at least one representative at the meeting.

Convention

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Fund was nearing the \$1 million mark, and that Alabama had more GWEF fellows than any other state. President General Nathan White awarded GWEF fellow pins to compatriots Bob Melton and John Walker, both of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter, and later at the banquet awarded a GWEF pin to Jean Legg, purchased for her by her husband, former ALSSAR president Price Legg.

The annual meeting opened with a splendid appearance by the Color Guard. Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright presented White a key to the city Cornwell presented his 2-year-old grandson William Miller with a youth membership certificate. William was dressed in his Revolutionary War uniform and carried a drum and drum sticks but opted not to march with the color guard.

At the annual meeting, officers were elected for 2007-08: President Jim Alexander, Vice President Jim Wardlaw, Secretary John Killian, Treasurer Bruce Pickette, Genealogist C. W. Posey and Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Melton. Returning officers are Registrar Ron Bearden, Chancellor Ed Blount Jr., Chaplain Walter Reeder and Historian Bobby Joe Seales.

Cornwell was nominated to the National Society to be elected Alabama Trustee for 2007 at the Williamsburg Congress in July, and Alexander was nominated to serve as Alternate Trustee. John Wallace was selected as the state nominee to serve, if elected at Congress, as the Vice President General, Southern District.

The highlight of the business meeting was a presentation by Colleen Wilson, NSSAR Director of Education, who briefed on education initiatives at the National Society. After the convention, she wrote, "Wow! Is the perfect word to describe the Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution! I want to thank you for the opportunity to present an update on the current projects underway concerning Outreach Education. I found Alabama members' comments and suggestions very helpful and their enthusiasm contagious. My first time in Alabama has left lasting impression upon me. I feel a particular bond to individuals that take their history to heart."

On Saturday afternoon, the Daughters of the American Revolution hosted a reception for conventioners at the Alabama Archives and History Building near the State Capitol.

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—Photo by Jim Maples

Mayor Bobby Bright, right, presents a key to the city to NSSAR President General Nathan White.



—Photo by Jim Maples

Featured speaker Chuck Bragg receives a clay eagle from Larry Cornwell following his speech.

Convention

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The well-attended evening banquet and awards program was held in the beautifully decorated ballroom of the Maxwell Air Force Base Officers Club. President General Nathan White commended the Society for its accomplishments for the year and later inducted the new state officers.

“The Alabama Society is a prominent society among our 50 state societies and several foreign societies,” he said. “Several Alabamians are prominent among our national offices. You follow great leaders and I know you will do a great job.”

Genealogist General Chuck Bragg, in his keynote speech, talked on the subject, naturally enough, of genealogy. In discussing our forefathers, Bragg urged the compatriots that “as we go forth from this place, let us remember who they are, who we are and what they stood for.”

The Birmingham chapter sponsored the Knight Essay winner, Timothy Fortenberry, as well as Eagle Scout winner William Robert Alexander Poythress. Rachel Lillebo was presented her medallion for her first place showing in the Rumbaugh Orations Contest.

Other awards included the Patriot Medal, the highest medal which may be awarded for service at the state and chapter level, awarded to Jim Maples, trustee and immediate past president of the ALSSAR, and Glenn Nivens, for his untiring efforts to involve the color guard in SAR and veterans activities; the SAR Distinguished Service Medal to Walter Dockery of the Black Warrior River chapter for his support to the Society through the loan of his Revolutionary War flag collection; and the Meritorious Service Medal to webmaster Ron Diamond, convention chairman J. Michael Manasco, convention treasurer George Gayle, Color Guard commander Brad Sanders and ALSSAR treasurer Bruce Taylor.

The SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal was awarded to Leanne Cornwell and Elizabeth Wells, Service to Veterans Medals to Wiregrass members James Ray Fuller, Bruce Taylor and Wallace and the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Alexander, Taylor and Legg.

Cornwell presented membership recruiting awards to Ron Bearden, Little River chapter, nine new members; Little River chapter, 13 new members; Gen. Galvez chapter, largest percent of retained members; Etowah chapter, largest percent of new members approved; Tennessee Valley chapter, largest number of supplemental applications approved (five); and John Cain, Patrick Cain, Patrick Cain II, and Tod Jenness, each with four supplemental applications. A certificate of appreciation was awarded to Cheaha chapter president Sammy Howell for awarding the most flag certificates (seven).

—Larry Cornwell



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ALSSAR chaplain Walter Reeder conducts a memorial service to recognize the 19 compatriots who passed away in the last year.



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NSSAR President General Nathan White presents GWEF pins to Cahaba-Coosa compatriots John Walker, left, and Bob Melton.



—Photos by Jim Maples

Cornwell presents White with a check from the ALSSAR for the Center for Advancement of America’s Heritage, left, and Bruce Taylor with one of his three awards.

In Memory...

Ed Blount Sr.

The General Galvez chapter recently lost one of its favorite members and a tireless supporter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

EDWARD CARTER BLOUNT SR., father of ALSSAR chancellor Ed Blount Jr., passed away on Feb. 6 at his home in Mobile. He was 93.

Blount was born on Feb. 1, 1914 in Atlanta, Ga. His first job was as a "soda jerk" at Lewis Drug Store in Swainsboro, Ga., in 1936. A year later, he went to work for the Georgia Highway Department and learned surveying and road building. In 1939, he went to work for the Sheet Metal Union in Indian Town Gap, Penn., and a year later he moved on to Sun Shipyard and Dry Dock in Chester, Penn., as a sheet metal craftsman.

In 1943 he was hired by the United States government to work in the shipyard and dry dock in the Panama Canal Zone. Ed worked this trade until the end of World War II and remained in Panama. In 1948, he transferred to the Canal Zone Police Department, starting a career in law enforcement. In 1964 he was promoted to the rank of sergeant, a rank he held until his retirement in 1975.

While living in Panama he served as president of Gatun Civic Council in 1977-78; as a committee member for the Boy Scout

Troop; as a Worshipful Master of the Sibert Lodge F&AM in Gatun in 1970; and as a vestryman with St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Margarita, Canal Zone.

In 1976 the Blount family left Panama and landed in Mobile. Blount held a job with Wells Fargo for two years before retiring.

Blount was a Mason for 61 years and was a prominent member of the Gen. Galvez chapter once he moved to Mobile. He served as chairman of the Law Enforcement and Heroes Award and as chairman of the chapter's Flag Committee. He was rewarded for his tireless work recently when the chapter presented him with the Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Virginia Willett Blount, three daughters, Lucy Blount Rhyne of Mobile, Nancy Blount Olijnyk of Chicago and Rochelle Marie Blount of Pembroke Pines, Fla; one son, Edward Carter Blount, Jr. of Mobile; and three grandchildren.

Services were held at the Mobile Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, with burial in Mobile Memorial Gardens. Three members of the Gen. Galvez chapter served as pallbearers: James Wardlaw, Leroy McGaughy and E.W. "Bud" McDonald.

—Jim Wardlaw



—Photos by Jim Maples

Youth Award winners

State winners of the orations, essay and Eagle Scout contests were recognized at the state convention banquet in February. Timothy Fortenberry, above left, was presented a certificate by Knight Essay contest chairman Roger Vaughan. Eagle Scout William Robert Alexander Poythress, above right, was honored by Lee Swart, Eagle Scout contest chairman Derald Morgan, and ALSSAR president Larry Cornwell. Rumbaugh Orations winner Rachel M. Lillebo, left, is congratulated by orations contest chairman Jim Alexander. The state winners will represent the Alabama Society in July at the national Congress in Williamsburg.



Walker

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With new buildings in the planning stage, and an adjacent proposed national cemetery, visitors may tour Washington Hall patterned after Mt. Vernon, a replica of the Williamsburg Courthouse of 1770, a colonial home, a modern-day exact replica of the White House Oval Office, and other sites sure to stir patriotic feelings among young and old alike.

This award is given to recognize outstanding efforts to promote patriotism in the United States through educational activities in the community-at-large. During the presentation ceremony, Compatriot Rod Hildreth cited the many ways The American Village and the SAR have cooperated together over the past years.

ALSSAR president Larry Cornwell served as the master of ceremonies and read the nomination for the award and White lauded Walker's work.

"The mission of the American Village supports the basic objects and mission of the SAR," he said. "I have been most impressed with your entire staff, and especially enjoyed joining a hands-on educational session with visiting school children. You are truly deserving of this award."

The Rev. John Killian, president of the Birmingham chapter, gave a fitting invocation and benediction to complete the service.

Others attending the ceremony held inside the full-scale replica of the Williamsburg Bruton Parish Church were White's wife Wanda, NSSAR Genealogist General Charles Bragg and his wife Karen, NSSAR Historian General David Sympson, NSSAR National Society Director of Education Colleen Wilson, Vice President General, Southern District, Hunter McDonald, former vice presidents general, former Alabama Society presidents and numerous other well-wishers who have long appreciated Walker's dedication to bringing alive America's past.

The ALSSAR Color Guard, led by Brad Sanders, provided fitting pomp for the ceremony.

Walker provided a luncheon for the SAR national officers and the Alabama Society current and past presidents and their wives.

—Larry Cornwell



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President General Nathan White at convention business meeting.



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President Cornwell addresses banquet, left, after Color Guard posts colors.



—Photo by Jim Maples

Cornwell presents Walter Dockery with the SAR Distinguished Service Medal for use of his Revolutionary War flag display behind the podium.

Blue Star foundation prepares for third annual event May 28 at American Village

The Blue Star Salute Foundation will hold its third annual Blue Star Salute on May 28 at the American Village, honoring those who have served our country in the armed forces and those who have fallen in service to our country.

Cahaba-Coosa compatriot Glenn Nivens is one of the primary organizers of the event, which draws much of its support from the Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Blue Star Salute recognizes all branches of America's military services and includes a "Gold Star Salute" to service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The program starts at 10 a.m. and continues through 4 p.m. One of the highlights of this year's program is the World War II-era replica of a U.S.O. canteen operational throughout the day in the American Village's "Red Barn" assembly hall.

The Blue Star Salute Foundation also honors those who have served our country by supporting the Alabama State Veterans Homes.

On Jan. 12, the Blue Star Foundation presented a donation to the state veterans affairs executive committee in support of state V.A. homes in Mobile, Huntsville and Alexander City.

The Blue Star Foundation is sponsored through "Partners in Patriotism" that includes the ALSSAR, American Legion, Gold Star Wives and Mothers and the American Village.



—Photo courtesy of Michael Northcutt

Rachel Clinkscale and Glenn Nivens, center, recently presented a check to Alabama veterans homes on behalf of the Blue Star Foundation to, from left: Wayne Dial, state Board of Veterans Affairs; W. Clyde Marsh, ADVA executive commissioner; Kimberly Justice, veterans home coordinator; and Byron White, American Legion vice commander.

Governor recognizes wounded veterans

On March 19, state officials recognized May 1 as a Silver Star Salute recognition day throughout the state as part of the national "Wounded Warrior" recognition and appreciation.

Silver Star banners and certificates will be presented to veterans who have been wounded in hostile combat.

ALSSAR compatriot Glenn Nivens of the Cahaba-Coosa chapter, an Army combat infantryman in Vietnam, was on hand for the proclamation signed by Gov. Bob Riley and the joint legislative resolution introduced by Speaker of the House Seth Hammett of Andalusia, an Air Force veteran.

Other veterans on hand for the ceremony included U.S. Marine Sean Phillips, who was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in Iraq; former U.S. Navy Petty Officer David M. Cox, awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in World War II; Army Command Sergeant Major Lee Arceneaux, who received the Purple Heart for wounds received in Korea; and Robert Jones, commander of the 2202nd Post, Military Order of Purple Heart, who received the nation's highest honor for wounds received in Vietnam.

—R. Glenn Nivens



—Photo courtesy of Richard Weber

Cahaba-Coosa compatriot Glenn Nivens, center, is pictured with, from left: Sean Phillips, David Cox, Lee Arceneaux and Robert Jones at Birmingham VA Medical Center.



—Photo courtesy of John Wallace

A well-deserved flag certificate

While the tornado of March 1 left an indelible mark upon the lives of the citizens of Enterprise, it did not dampen the patriotic spirit of the city. The home of Wiregrass chapter vice-president Dr. Jack Oden, above, sustained damage to the roof and windows but that didn't stop Oden from flying his U.S. flag. For his display of patriotism during such a devastating time, the Wiregrass chapter has awarded him a NSSAR flag certificate. (If one looks closely, the house next to Jack's was completely destroyed).

Gen. Galvez chapter inducts new officers

The Gen. Galvez chapter held its annual meeting for the induction of new officers on Jan. 13.

Leroy McGaughy was reelected as president of the chapter, while Richard Britton was selected as the vice president and Bud McDonald will serve as the secretary and treasurer. Howard Schramm was elected to serve on the Board of Managers.

ALSSAR president Larry Cornwell did the honors of swearing in the new officers.

Cornwell was the guest speaker and his topic was "History Lost." He expounded on the historical consequences facing any nation that loses its history. Nations that stop teaching its youth about their history will surely become nonexistent. Today, hardly any colleges and most high schools do not teach our youth American history. He reiterated to everyone the goals of the SAR (historical, educational and patriotic) and suggested several ways our chapter could get involved in restoring American history to classrooms.

The meeting was attended by 40 people including several DAR ladies.

—Mike Glass



—Photo courtesy of Mike Glass

ALSSAR President Larry Cornwell inducts new officers for 2007-08.

Gen. Galvez chapter plans patriotic observances in 2007

Mike Glass was the featured speaker at the Gen. Galvez chapter meeting in March, which was attended by four prospective new members.

Several issues were discussed and approved concerning the observance of several patriotic days. The chapter will be participating in "Armed Forces Day" with taps being played worldwide in all National Cemeteries, "Memorial Day" with participation in the Blue Star celebration at the American Village, "Flag Day" with a proper disposal of tattered and retired flags, Independence Day with a ceremony recognizing the two Revolutionary battles fought in Mobile and

Spanish Fort and Veterans Day with flags placed on the graves of Revolutionary soldiers buried in our area and a program for veterans at the W. F. Green Veterans home.

Glass spoke on the history of the Southeast Mississippi Territory from 1500 until 1814. Glass detailed the daily lives and historical events that influenced the peoples of this time period including the battle between the Muscogee Indians and the Spanish Conquistadors; the Muscogee and Alabamos Indians; DeSoto's battle at Maubila; conflicts between France, Spain and Britain, the Revolutionary War in our area; and the War of 1812.

ALSSAR Ladies Auxiliary chartered

With 13 of 23 charter members present, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Alabama Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (LAALSSAR) was officially chartered on Feb. 17, 2007 by First Lady Wanda White, wife of President General Nathan White.

Karen Bragg, wife of Genealogist General Chuck Bragg, also attended the meeting.

Wanda White installed the newly elected officers for a one-year term: President Leanne Cornwell, Vice President Abby Alexander, Treasurer Rita Pickette and Secretary Suzanne McGaughy. The president appointed Gwen Dockery as chaplain and Hazel Phillips as historian.

There was representation from seven chapters, including Gen. Richard Montgomery, Cahaba-Coosa, Tri-State, Birmingham, Tennessee Valley, Gen. Galvez and Black Warrior River.

Cheaha chapter members could not be present.

Our goal is to provide support to the state and national society through fund raisers and by promoting education, history and patriotism. We discussed making an Alabama basket to raffle at National Congress in Williamsburg on July 6-11.

A letter will be sent to the state chapters with more information.

We have been asked to provide lunch for the May 5 Board of Managers meeting at the American Village, which will be a good fund raiser. More information on this will also be sent to the chapters.

The formation of the Alabama Ladies Auxiliary was announced at the National Leadership meeting in Louisville the following week.

Chartering with 23 members may set a new record for SAR Ladies Auxiliaries. Fund raisers will significantly help the state and national societies meet their goals, and all the charter members have pledged their support and willingness to participate.

—Leanne Cornwell



—Photo by Jim Maples

Charter members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the ALSSAR met at the state convention and include, from left: Rita Pickette, Linda Maples, Jean Legg, Abby Alexander, Anna Marie Tysinger, Carol Ann Melton, Suzanne McGaughy, Donna Wells, Leanne Cornwell, guest Karen Bragg, Gwen Dockery, Pam Caraway, guest Wanda White and Hazel Phillips. Not pictured is Jean Vaughn.



—Photo by Jim Maples

New youth member

ALSSAR president Larry Cornwell, assisted by Leanne Cornwell, president of the ALSSAR Ladies Auxiliary, present grandson William Miller with a youth membership and pin.

John Wallace endorsed for VP General post

At the March 24 Southern District meeting held in conjunction with the TNSSAR meeting, Wiregrass chapter compatriot John R. Wallace was endorsed by the presidents of the Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee state societies as the Vice President General for the Southern District for 2007-2008.

Wallace's name will be submitted to the

National Congress in Williamsburg in July where he will be installed into his new position.

John has served not only as the ALSSAR president in 2002-03, but also two years as a national trustee, four years as a national committee chairman, two years as the NSSAR ambassador to the UK Society and for a year on the NSSAR executive com-

mittee while also having several articles published in *The SAR Magazine*.

The Vice President General, Southern District position rotates to the ALSSAR every four years and was last held by Rod Hildreth. The Vice President General serves as a liaison between the NSSAR President General and the state societies within the district.

Manasco named Montgomery president at winter banquet

State Sen. Larry Dixon was the featured speaker for the Gen. Richard Montgomery chapter's annual winter banquet on Dec. 13, 2006, which included the induction of officers for 2007.

Mike Manasco was elected president of the chapter. Other officers included Stan Phillips, vice president; Hartwell Lane, secretary; George Gayle, treasurer; Bill Scanlan, genealogist; Brad Sanders, chaplain; Jack Caraway, sergeant-at-arms; and Larry Cornwell, registrar.

"I must reflect and be grateful for the service of others before me," said Manasco said. "I've observed there are common threads among these fine men. Each of these fine men have unselfishly served the SAR," referring past presidents Ken Hayes (2001), Buck Newman (2002), Cornwell (2003-04), Sanders (2005) and outgoing president Bruce Pickette.

Pickette awarded several medals and certificates, including one to compatriot Jim Hawkins, an Army major who recently joined the chapter. Hawkins served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf



—Photo by Jim Maples

Michael Manasco, shown during a speech at state convention, was named president in December.

Region Division in Baghdad, Iraq from September 2005 to April, 2006, rebuilding the country's infrastructure. He was issued the SAR's War Service Medal.

"It's an honor to receive this award," Hawkins said. "I'm obviously not the first

member of my family to serve. I hope every day my services brings honor to their memory. We're doing great good there (in Iraq). It's not a picnic but it's never as bad as what you see in the news."

Pickette presented the Meritorious Service Medal to Cornwell for his work at the state level and his work in putting together the chapter's first Revolutionary War grave marking dedication ceremony for Dixon Hall in October, 2006.

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to Manasco, the program chairman for the monthly chapter meetings; to Gayle for his devotion to the chapter (the banquet was his 124th consecutive chapter meeting he attended); to Hayes for his continued work with the chapter, primarily in setting up the location for the chapter's monthly meetings; to Lane, for his personal financial contribution in purchasing flags and poles for a display to enhance the monthly meetings; and to Richardson, for his longtime service to the chapter as its chaplain.

—Photo courtesy of Charles Dinsmore

New Cheaha compatriot

Cheaha chapter president Charles Samuel Howell, left, presents new member Louis Cleveland Culver with his membership certificate at a recent chapter meeting. Culver joined the SAR on the record of his patriot ancestor, Nathan Culver of Maryland.



Tenn. Valley elects officers for 2008

The Tennessee Valley chapter held its annual chapter banquet on March 3 at the Valley Hill Country Club and installed Brian Alexander as its chapter president for 2007.

Other new chapter officers include Richard Smallwood, vice president; Larry Crabtree, secretary; Dr. David Billings, treasurer; Dr. Derald Morgan, registrar; Father Leslie McAbee, chaplain; and Gary Markham, historian.

—Jim Alexander

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Please submit information about your chapter's activities for the next newsletter. The deadline for the June newsletter is May 15. Mail information to Tim Gayle, 3573 Foxhall Drive, Montgomery, AL 36111 or send photos or stories via e-mail to timgayle@knology.net.

SAR honors last naval battle of Revolutionary War

Members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution and Children of the American Revolution, as well as representatives from the Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Hibernians and the U.S. Navy League joined forces on March 10 to observe the anniversary of the last naval battle of the Revolutionary War at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

On March 10, 1783 the Colonial American ship Alliance under the command of Capt. John Barry was engaged by a fleet of British warships and the Alliance won the engagement. Ten days later the American seamen sailed into New Port, R.I., to learn that the peace treaty had been ratified on Feb. 3, 1783 -- the American War of Independence was over and the naval engagement was recorded as the last official naval battle of the American Revolution. This Atlantic battle transpired just east of Cape Canaveral.

The event was hosted by the Florida SAR and included participation from Georgia, North Carolina, Delaware, Indiana and Alabama as well as NSSAR members.

---R. Glenn Nivens



—Photos courtesy of Richard Fowler

The March 10 ceremony included participation from ALSSAR compatriots Glenn Nivens and Price Legg, just left of Color Guard holding muskets, as well as Cahaba-Coosa youth member Eddie Bowling, in center of photo carrying Alabama state flag.